

Liberty Municipal Library Board Minutes April 18, 2024

The April 18, 2024, meeting of the Liberty Municipal Library Board was called to order at 5:04 p.m. in the library conference room by President Tinya Griffin.

Members present: Sharon Brown, Bill Buchanan, Tinya Griffin, June Damek, Sandy Pickett, Margaret Gardzina, and Gloria Stratton. Members absent: Erin Dorsett and Stacy Sundgren.

The minutes of the January 25, 2024, meeting was reviewed. A note was made by Sandy Pickett for a correction needed for the minutes of January 25, 2024. Gloria Stratton made the motion to approve minutes as corrected, and Bill Buchanan seconded. The motion passed.

There were no public comments.

The treasurer's report was given by Interim Library Director, Amber Ursprung. A motion was not made and will be approved at the next meeting.

Amber Ursprung gave the April librarian's report. She described the library's activities that had taken place since the January Board meeting. Library "guests", Valentine, Easter and solar eclipse events, computer classes, April jokes, and new summer program additions were discussed. Also discussed was the success of this year's Jubilee Book Sale. 369 customers, an increase of 28 from 2023, were served. The Jubilee book sale collected a total of \$1,100 profit, an increase of \$209 from the previous year. The library staff conducted an inventory of the adult fiction and nonfiction sections during the Jubilee library closure. Staff were able to inventory 24,432 books. The library's new playhouse, Jana's Place, was presented to the board along with the ever-growing number of new memories and stories created by library patrons using the playhouse. The generous donation by JLA Reality in honor of National Library Day was shown to the board as well as the success of the fine forgiveness week which saw the return of 17 books worth \$512.79 and \$139.59 in forgiven fines.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business was the discussion of upcoming board member reappointments/replacements. Board members June Damek and Stacy Sundgren have reached their term limits and will not be able to be reappointed. Board members Sharon Brown, Sandy Pickett, and Gloria Stratton have not reached their term limit and are free and welcome to reapply. Member recommendations include Brittany Hudnall, a citizen of Liberty with community ties, a growing family, and a hardworking employee at First Liberty National Bank in Liberty. Also, Becki White who is a long-time memorial donor to the Liberty Municipal Library. Other recommendations include Valerie Braxton, Beverly Davis, Donna Branco, Bruce Mintz, Neil Iverson, Susan LaCour, Debbie Dugger, Cynthia VanEtta, Amy Milentz, and Dianne Driggers.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m.