

Liberty Municipal Library Board Minutes October 17, 2024

The October 17, 2024, meeting of the Liberty Municipal Library Board was called to order at 5:04 p.m. in the library conference room by Library Director Amber Ursprung.

Members present: Bill Buchanan, Lindsay Lawrence, Brittany Hudnall, Sharon Brown, Gloria Stratton, Erin Dorsett, Sandy Pickett, and Margaret Gardzina. Members absent: Tinya Griffin

The minutes of the July 18, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Margaret Gardzina made the motion to approve minutes, and Sandy Pickett seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

There were no public comments.

The treasurer's report was given by Library Director, Amber Ursprung, highlighting the financial report for the Trust account. Margaret Gardzina made the motion to approve the report, and Sharon Brown seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

In the Director's Report, Amber Ursprung highlighted library activities including welcoming new board members, the end of summer reading activities, building maintenance, inventory, and story time.

At the last meeting, the board had to decide how to delegate Trust spending. Per the original Trust agreement, the Library Board has the sole authority to authorize Trust expenditures. It is therefore up to the board to decide how money is spent. The board members present at that meeting considered the Library Director the most knowledgeable regarding what the library needs. June Damek made the motion to designate the Library Director with the authority to use the Trust funds as needed until a full board can further approve or make changes to the full allocation of Trust funds. Sharon Brown seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Under Old Business, the board once again considered the Trust allocations. One option to be considered is the investment of \$20,000 with the request for more information to be presented to the board before anything is approved regarding investments. Sandy Pickett made the motion to approve a budget limit of \$15,000 for access for the library director to make purchases such as events, materials, and books. The budget can have adjustments made at future meetings. Larger than normal purchases will be presented to the board prior to any purchase. Sharon Brown seconded, and the motion passed 8-0.

The first item under new business, was the appointment or reappointment of officer positions for President, Vice-president, and Treasurer. Sandy nominated Brittany Hudnall for the position of Treasurer. Gloria Stratton seconded, and the motion passed 8-0. Margaret Gardzina made a motion to reappoint Bill Buchanan as Vice-President. Gloria Stratton seconded, and the motion passed 8-0. Margaret Gardzina made a motion to reappoint Tinya Griffin as President. Sharon Brown seconded, and the motion passed 8-0.

The second item under new business, was discuss and consider the reduction of fines for movies from \$1.00 to \$0.10 to come into effect the following day, Friday October 18, 2024. Margaret Gardzina made the motion to approve. Sandy Pickett seconded, and the motion passed 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 p.m. due to the loss of power. The remaining agenda item c under new business, discuss and consider Long Range and Technology Plans 2024-2029, will be revisited at the January meeting.