

## **Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting – April 9, 2024 Minutes**

The Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room with Kim Giesting, President of the Board, presiding. Others present were Board members Dale Strong, Jennifer Cooley, Vane Lashua, and Colin Judd. Also present were Betsy Slavens, Director; Melissa Scott, Assistant Director; and Christy Collier, Administrative Assistant. Lynette Eklund and Judith Echano Medina were absent.

1. Public Participation: None.
2. Motion by Dale, seconded by Jennifer, to approve the March 12, 2024 Board minutes. Unanimously approved.
3. Written Director's report was included in the Board packet.
  - a. Dale suggested the recently released book "The Historic Whitewater Valley Railroad" for purchase for the library.
4. Assistant Director's report was included in the Board packet.
  - a. Correction to Assistant Director report to remove "No remote access available due to company's rules" under 3/8 – Hoopla (online resource).
  - b. Kitchen update to remove "sparking" unit.
5. Outreach
  - a. Autumn Trace has been added to the rotation.
6. Financial Report was included in the Board packet.
  - a. Electric bill is up this month.
  - b. Certificate of Deposit (CD) rolled over on March 10, 2024, with the rate increasing from 3.698 to 4.668 % for 13-months.
7. Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Vane, to accept the Director's report, Assistant Director's report, Outreach Librarian's report, Financial report, and pay the bills. Unanimously approved.
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Staff: No meeting.
  - b. Building and Grounds: No meeting.
  - c. Policy: No meeting.
  - d. Long Range Planning: No meeting.
  - e. Scholarship: The committee has chosen a recipient and alternative for the 2024 scholarship. Recipient will be announced at Scholarship Night on May 1, 2024.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Yellow House
    - i. Mold abatement has been completed by Barnhizer. It is recommended to retest at a later date before occupancy of the building.
10. New Business:
  - a. Director Evaluation Packets
    - i. Director evaluation packets were distributed to the board members. Please return at the May meeting or in a sealed envelope to the library.
  - b. Indiana State Legislation Update
    - i. HEA 1167 Live Streaming and Archiving Meetings

Approved 5/14/2024

1. Bill was passed in the 2023 legislative session and with an effective date of July 1, 2025. A meeting will be held on April 16 at 6:00 PM, in Connersville City for local representatives.
- ii. Senate Bill No. 32 (Failed in 2023)
  1. Senate Bill No. 32 did not pass out of committee in the 2024 legislative session, but an updated bill is expected in the 2025 legislative session.
  2. Highlights Chapter 16. Core Public Functions of a Public Library. Concerns if the bill returns and is passed include:
    - Includes a listing of “Core Public Function,” that can be found in Section 2 of this chapter.
    - Library programming: Under the bill, libraries may not be able to be able to host storytimes, etc.
    - Property ownership and rental: Libraries may not be able to rent properties.

Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Colin, to adjourn at 5:21 pm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Scott