

Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting – June 11, 2024 Minutes

The Fayette County Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Indiana Room with Kim Giesting, President of the Board, presiding. Others present were Board members Dale Strong, Jennifer Cooley, Vane Lashua, Lynette Eklund, Colin Judd, and Judith Echano Medina. Also present were Betsy Slavens, Director; Melissa Scott, Assistant Director; and Christy Collier, Administrative Assistant.

1. Abigail Struewing, Fayette County Public Library/Friends of the Fayette County Public Library Scholarship winner, shared her plans for the future.
2. Public Participation: None.
3. Motion by Dale, seconded by Jennifer, to approve the May 14, 2024 Board minutes. Unanimously approved.
4. Written Director's report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. Yoga attendance has been good.
 - b. Local Pokémon League has been meeting in the library and its members attend the Teen D&D Program.
5. Assistant Director's report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. Summer reading numbers are a little low, but should increase over the summer.
6. Outreach
 - a. 56 books have not been returned by the schools.
 - b. Discussion about alternative ways for families to pay for missing books, including "Food for Fines," monetary donations, or an endowment being created at Fayette County Foundation.
7. Financial Report was included in the Board packet.
 - a. No additions.
8. Motion by Judith, seconded by Lynette, to accept the Director's report, Assistant Director's report, Outreach Librarian's report, Financial report, and pay the bills. Unanimously approved.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Staff: Will be meeting soon.
 - b. Building and Grounds: Need to meet prior to next full board meeting to discuss the drop boxes and yellow house.
 - c. Policy: No meeting.
 - d. Long Range Planning: No meeting.
 - e. Scholarship: Will not need to meet until closer to scholarship season.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Yellow House
 - i. Dehumidifier is working.
 - ii. Mold abatement was performed, but tests would need to be done prior to occupancy.
 - iii. Board needs to decide the purpose of the yellow house or its space to determine what needs to be done.
 - iv. Betsy will obtain costs of electricity, insurance and utilities.
 - v. A bookmobile garage was mentioned.
 - b. Bookmobile Garage/Storage

- i. The location of the bookmobile was discussed, including lack of access and cost of rent verses building a garage. Vane mentioned Senior Transportation as an alternative.

11. New Business:

- a. Remove Piano from Capital Assets
 - i. Motion by Colin, seconded by Jennifer, to remove the piano from capital assets. Unanimously approved.
- b. State Board of Accounts Audit
 - i. Dale reported that the State Board of Accounts should complete the county and library's audits within the next two weeks.
- c. Tax Settlement
 - i. The library should receive the tax settlement next week.
- d. Book Sale
 - i. Dale volunteered to help sort the materials for the Friends Book Sale. He spoke positively about the amount of time and work that the friends put into making the sale successful.

Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Judith, to adjourn at 5:34 pm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Scott