

MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Library Board of Directors
Thursday, 10 February 2022
Minutes

PRESENT: Scott Bull, Regina Nelson, Elaine Kaple, Gary Koeller, Sanjana Puri, Dee Runnels, Wayne Smith, Diane Sommers

ABSENT: Sue Blackall

STAFF: Christina Conklin, Michael Crawford, Bailey Hager, Callahan Herrig, Liz Larrison, Bryon Lear, Lisa Powell Williams, Deborah Shippy, Kristy Vermeulen

GUESTS:

I. Business Meeting Called to Order

President Sommers called the meeting to order at 12:02p.m in the Silver Room at the Moline Public Library

II. Roll Call, Kristy Vermeulen, Recorder

Roll call was taken with Bull, Nelson, Kaple, Koeller, Puri, Runnels, Smith and Sommers present. Absent: Blackall

III. Approval of Minutes 13 January 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the 13 January 2022 regular Library Board meeting previously distributed by e-mail/mail to each Trustee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes 13 January 2022 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Kaple moved to approve the minutes from the 13 January 2022 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting previously distributed by e-mail/mail to each Trustee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

IV. Correspondence

In packet.

V. Director's Report (Lear)

- Lear introduced three new staff members, Liz Larrison, Bailey Hager, and Callahan Herrig.
- Lear shared that the extended hours for the Library have been going well and Moline remains the highest circulating library in PrairieCat.
- Lear noted the continued work on the strategic plan and plans to bring a finalized draft to the March board meeting for adoption.
- Lear shared his annual report highlighting stats and successes of 2021. The report will be shared with the mayor's office.
- Governor Pritzker announced a plan to lift the indoor mask mandate at the end of the month. Lear will work with staff to update signage to indicate masks will be recommended, not required.

VI. Financial Reports

The Board of Directors reviewed the list of library bills from 1 January to January 31 2022. *The payment of the individual bills, totaling \$25,566.12 was approved and ratified upon the motion of Smith. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

VII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Sommers, Runnels, Nelson)

No meeting.

B. Building and Grounds Committee (Bull, Smith, Koeller)

A meeting was held on 10 February 2022 for discussion regarding the 3218 41st Street Property. Lear shared general information, a rough timeline, responses from staff and the community about potential property uses, and potential funding sources. Confirmation of a well on the property was noted and it is recommended by the Rock Island County Health Inspector that the well be located and capped. The committee plans to review the staff/public comments and compile specific ideas to present to the board next board meeting.

Runnels motioned to approve the demolition of the garage, the three pine trees near the garage, the pad, and the house located on 3218 41st Street. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The City of Moline Public Works department plans to do the demolition late March/ early April.

C. Policy Committee (Blackall, Kaple, Puri)

Meeting scheduled for February 16.

D. Art Committee (Nelson, Runnels, Sommers)

No meeting. Nelson reported the Jay Stratton sculpture “Wind” was repaired costing \$300 from the Reher Art Fund. Ken Urban is now the featured artist on the Blue Art Wall. Space has been cleared for David Zahn to create an art rack for rotating artwork in the 2nd floor storage room. Zahn continues to work on scheduling a “field trip” to view an art piece of Rose Frantzen’s for possible purchase.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Closed Session Minutes Review (Runnels)

Runnels noted the minutes under review from September 2020 to January 2022. The full release, partial release, and maintained as confidential recommendations were shared as stated in the written Resolution.

Bull motioned to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

B. Other

Koeller inquired about extra inventory of books and what is done with them. Lear shared the Friends sell items on E-bay, house things in an off-site storage unit, conduct lobby book sales, and donate items to other local organizations. Sommers shared the board walk through, as previously discussed, is anticipated for late May/ early June. Lear will provide exact dates after solidifying schedules with the Coordinators.

IX. New Business

A. Review of Chapter 16 of the Moline Code of Ordinances- Libraries

The City has requested each department review the ordinances that pertain to their department and update the language to better reflect the current times. Lear shared the updates for the Library and reviewed the language with the Board. The Board requested

further discussion on the updates. Lear will continue working with Finance Director Carol Barnes on the wording in section 16-2110.

B. Other

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Approved: _____

Pursuant to the Bylaws, these minutes were prepared by Kristy Vermeulen, Administrative Assistant, and have been reviewed and revised by Regina Nelson, Secretary of the Moline Public Library Board of Directors.