

August 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Burlington Public Library was called to order by Vice President Don Schmidgall, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Board members Don Schmidgall, Jennifer McMillan, Brandon Orth, Roger Hatteberg and Library Director Brittany Jacobs were present. Friends Liaison Anita Wagner, West Burlington Liaison Rebecca Teater, and library staff Sara Garland and Kathy Gerling were also in attendance. Board members Becky Godfrey, Mary Weinand and Amanda Mansheim were absent. Notification for this meeting was sent to KBUR/KGRS, KCPS, KKMI, and WIUM radio stations and The Hawk Eye, on August 19, 2024.

Brandon Orth moved the Board to approve the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Roger Hatteberg; motion approved unanimously.

Board Training

Video: TED Talk: Reimagining the Library to Reconnect the Community by Shamichael Hallman https://www.ted.com/talks/shamichael_hallman_reimagining_the_public_library_to_reconnect_the_community_jan_2020?subtitle=en

A book based on this TED talk by Shamichael Hallman will be published soon. Board members will get a copy of the book to discuss at board meetings.

Expenditures

The final financial report for the FY24 budget was included in the board packet (*Budget Control Status Report for accounting period 13/24*). We spent 99.86% of our budget.

Brittany explained some of the bigger FY25 expenses as shown on the Budget Control Status Report for period 2/25: Wyebot Wi-Fi sensors and OCLC interlibrary loan and cataloging renewal. There was some discussion about the light ballast fix and the cost associated with it.

Jennifer McMillan moved the Board to approve expenditures. Second by Brandon Orth; motion approved unanimously.

Friends Liaison

Anita Wagner briefed the Board. The recent book sale at the Very Vintage Market was very successful, raising \$400. The Friends are working on board position descriptions and gearing up for their next book sale in **September**.

Board Committees

Advocacy Committee

- Jennifer McMillan spoke at the library gala about the advocacy web page they are working on. This committee will also have a blurb in the library's October newsletter.
- The Board had a discussion of property taxes and the fact that some are going down this year while others are going up.

Library Services Report

Birttany gave a recap of her report included in the packet. July's door count is the highest July door count since before the covid pandemic and the circulation numbers are getting back to pre-pandemic levels. There were huge circ increases in adult books, children's books, DVDs, wireless connections, and computer/internet use.

Old Business

- b. Gala Recap – the library received very positive feedback on the first annual gala.

New Business

- a. ILA Membership
 - Brittany offered an ILA membership to the Board to those interested.


- b. FY24 Annual Report
 - Brittany gave a presentation on the FY24 Annual Report. This will also be presented to the city council on September 9th. Brittany shared her presentation slides with the Board.

Roger Hatteberg moved the Board to approve the FY24 Annual Report. Second by Jennifer McMillan; motion approved unanimously.

 - Brittany also talked about some FY25 projects: light zoning in the building, new meeting room projectors, the purchase of a bookmobile, energy audit, solar covered bus stop, Hipatia mural, teen space mural and outside percussion instruments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jennifer McMillan moved the meeting to be adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Second by Brandon Orth; motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Brittany Jacobs,
Library Director