

November 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Burlington Public Library was called to order by board member Don Schmidgall, Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 4:40 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Jerry Parks, Don Schmidgall and Director Rhonda Frevert were present. Becky Godfrey and Tenyshia Chalupa attended electronically via phone. Friends' Liaison Mary Ann Bolan, Sara Garland, and Kathy Gerling were also in attendance. Board members Matt Shinn and Megan Fuqua were absent. Notification for this meeting was sent to KBUR/KGRS, KCPS, KKMI, and WIUM radio stations and The Hawk Eye, November 12, 2021.

Jerry Parks moved the Board to approve the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Becky Godfrey; motion approved unanimously.

Expenditures

Rhonda mentioned that almost all of the large Foundation technology expense shown on the November Gifts and Bequests Expense Report will be reimbursed by the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Grant. Becky Godfrey moved the Board to approve expenditures. Second by Jerry Parks; motion approved unanimously.

Becky Godfrey left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Board Training

a. Staff Presentation: New team members Becky Shaw and Mollie Krell

New Library Clerk Mollie Krell introduced herself and told a little bit about her role at the library. She mentioned the new "Hangry" afterschool storytime she is doing on Thursday nights.

Mary Weinand joined the meeting via phone at 4:45 p.m.

Friends Liaison Report

Mary Ann mentioned the Friends upcoming black Friday booksale and the recent generous money gifted to Friends by the Virginia Pemberton estate for \$94,500.

Tenyshia Chalupa had to leave the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Building Committee

Rhonda gave an update on the pre-action sprinkler system. The system is not losing pressure in the Genealogy room, BUR room, or newspaper room like originally thought. There will be more testing done next week to identify where the leak is coming from.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met with Des Moines County regarding the new 28E Agreement and the proposed 2% increase to the new contract. The county is currently reviewing, but doesn't foresee any issues with the increase. West Burlington and Middletown meeting dates to be determined.

Library Services Report

Rhonda mentioned that Brittany Jacobs, the library's new Outreach and Program Services Manager started Monday.

New Business

a. Strategic Plan Update

Updated completed activities sheet included in the board packet.

New Library Aide, Becky Shaw, joined the meeting and introduced herself and explained her duties at the library.

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m. No quorum present at the time of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Frevert
Library Director