



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library**  
**August 22, 2022**  
**Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Morris Area Public Library Conference Room**

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:34 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Anderson, Cummings, Davy, Minett, and Porth present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton and Christensen. Absent were Dergo, and Keavney.
3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes.
  - a. None
4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
  - a. None
5. A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the June 13 regular meeting. Porth moved to approve meeting minutes and Davy seconded. Approved 5-0.
6. Director's Report
  - a. The library is registered to participate in the Corn Festival Parade and planning has started for the Scarecrow entry.
  - b. The library would like to look into restricting overnight parking in our west parking lot.
  - c. It was decided not to consider a program that would be presented by Cure Leaf on marijuana.
  - d. This is the week of Zydeco programming and it will culminate in our big concert at Goold Park.
  - e. The numbers for programs in June and July were good
  - f. August 12 is the new date to close on the house at 114 W North street.
  - g. There are many upcoming changes in staff. Farmer and Fisher will be leaving the library to continue their education. We have hired 3 new part- time staff Gretencord, Fessler, and Stanford. We have 1 staff on extended leave. Murphy will be cross trained on circulation. We are in the process of hiring 2 more part- time staff.
7. President's Report
  - a. The Director's evaluation will be due in September.
8. Vice President's Report
  - a. The vice president emailed an article about how much of an impact the previous Secretary of State, Jessie White had on libraries. It was stated that everyone should email candidates running for the office to stress how important the Secretary of State's job is to libraries. The Secretary of State is the State Librarian.
9. Financial Report
  - a. Motion was made to accept the June and July financial reports. Motioned by Porth and seconded by Keavney. Approved 5-0.
  - b. A motion was made to approve the ordinance # 23-0808. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Anderson. Approved 5-0.
10. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee
    - i. None
  - b. Technology Committee
    - i. None.
  - c. Strategic Plan Committee

- i. A meeting was held on July 12 and work is continuing on preparing a vision statement for the October meeting.
  - d. Personnel Committee
    - i. It was all mentioned in the directors report 6g.
  - e. Policy Committee
    - i. Progress is being made on policies that will be discussed at the September meeting.
  - f. Facilities Committee
    - i. The bathroom looks great and is completed.
    - ii. The pollinator portion of the garden looks good but the front garden needs a plan.
    - iii. It was suggested that straw bales be added to the front so that it looks good for the Corn Festival.
- 11. Unfinished Business
  - a. The front entrance table work is in progress. The old desk was sanded and stained and looks good.
- 12. New Business
  - a. None
- 13. Other
  - a. None
- 14. Adjournment - Time 7:27 -Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Minett. Approved 5-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Angelique Minett, Board Secretary