



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library  
February 12, 2024  
Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes  
6:30 pm  
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room**

Minutes-

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
  - a. Called to order at 6:30 P.M.
  - b. Roll Call- Cummings, Davy, Minett, and Porth were present. Absent: Ebert, Keavney, and Peterson.
  - c. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests Burton, Eallonardo, and Schretter.
- 2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
  - a. None
- 3. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
  - a. There was an email from Nowak thanking the board.
- 4. Minutes from the previous regular meeting**
  - a. A motion was made to approve the January 8th General Board Meeting Minutes. Minett moved to approve meeting minutes, and Davy seconded. Approved 4-0.
- 5. Director's Report**
  - a. In April, the Community Foundation of Grundy County is sponsoring a bus trip for teens to the Gamma Phi Circus.
  - b. This summer, the movies in the park will be *Up*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Encanto*.
  - c. The program numbers are good.
  - d. The Emergency Situation flipbook has been made, and updates are already required. We will need to update the board president's information, and we will add the address to the front page.
  - e. Sargent updated the receipts to list upcoming programs.
  - f. We will not hire a facilities manager this year. We will go with a new company and consider this again next year. There is not enough time currently to hire and train a new person.
  - g. Resa will be taking a variety of continuing education classes next year.
  - h. A motion was made to amend the closure dates for the Corn Festival parade from October 6th to September 29th now that the date has been confirmed.
  - i. A motion was made to approve the 2122024-RM ordinance. Minett moved to approve meeting minutes, and Cummings seconded. In favor: Cummings, Davy, Minett, and Porth. Opposed: None. Approved 4-0.
  - j. A motion was made to remove Christensen from the Grundy Bank and IMRF forms and add Mai. Cummings moved to approve meeting minutes, and Minett seconded. In favor: Cummings, Davy, Minett, and Porth. Opposed: None. Approved 4-0.
- 6. President's Report**
  - a. The article about how the new generation uses libraries was fascinating. It included discussions on book talks and using the library as a third space.
- 7. Vice President's Report**
  - a. None
- 8. Financial Report**
  - a. A motion was made to accept the December Financial Reports as presented. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Cummings. In favor: Cummings, Davy, Minett, and Porth. Opposed: None. Approved 4-0.
- 9. Committee Reports**
  - a. Finance Committee**
    - i. None
  - b. Technology Committee**
    - i. None
  - c. Strategic Plan Committee**
    - i. None

**d. Personnel Committee**

- i. None

**e. Policy Committee**

- i. A motion was made to approve the policy changes from the January 29, 2024, policy meeting, with the addition of the statement that the exit interview will be shared with the board. Motioned by Minette and seconded by Davy. Approved 4-0.

**f. Facilities Committee**

- i. None

**g. Ad hoc Committee**

- i. Schretter discussed the potential floor plans for the library construction and the costs associated with the options. The board must decide if they will proceed with the design process.
- ii. Schretter left the meeting at 8:09.

**10. Executive Session**

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/2: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/3: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

- a. A motion was made to go into executive session at 7:55. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Davy. Approved 6-0.
- b. A motion was made to return to open session at 8:14. Motioned by Ebert and seconded by Peterson. Approved 6-0.

**11. Action on Executive Session**

- a. None.

**12. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**13. New Business**

- a. A discussion was held on adding more sensory and play activities to the children's area.

**14. Adjournment** - Time 8:19-Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Davy. Approved 4-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary

## *Library Closure Dates*

Thanksgiving Eve - November 22, 2023	Wednesday close at 2:00p
Thanksgiving - November 23, 2023	Thursday
Winter closure - December 24, 2023	Sunday
Winter closure - December 25, 2023	Monday
New Year's Eve - December 31, 2023	Sunday - close at 2:00p
New Year's Day - January 1, 2024	Monday
Spring closure - March 30, 2024	Saturday - close at 4:00p
Spring closure - March 31, 2024	Sunday
Memorial Day - May 27, 2024	Monday
Independence day - July 4 and 5, 2024	Thursday and Friday
Labor day - September 2, 2024	Monday
<b>Corn Fest - September 29</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Thanksgiving Eve - November 27, 2024	Wednesday - close at 2:00p
Thanksgiving - November 28, 2024	Thursday
Christmas Eve - December 24, 2024	Tuesday
Christmas - December 25, 2024	Wednesday
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