



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library**  
**March 11, 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: Ebert, Davy, Keavney, and Porth were present. Cummings, Minet, and Peterson were absent.
  - c. Library Director Mai and guests Aimona, Burton, Eallonardo, W. Meyer, S. Meyer, Shelton, and Schretter were also present.
- 2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
  - a. None
- 3. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
  - a. There is a letter from the Grundy Women's Club requisitioning permission to put up blue Pinwheels in April to show awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month.
- 4. Minutes from the previous regular meeting**
  - a. A motion was made to approve the February 12, 2024, General Board Meeting Minutes. Ebert moved to approve meeting minutes, and Keavney seconded. Approved 4-0.
- 5. Director's Report**
  - a. The Animals Around the World Program was well attended, and patrons would like to see more programs similar to this in the future.
  - b. We added a "Magic the Gathering" program in March.
  - c. We are working with the community to bring the League of Women Voters to Grundy County, a nonpartisan group that will fit our mission.
  - d. There are still tickets for the Gamma Phi Circus on Saturday, April 20, for Grundy County teens ages 14 -19.
  - e. A NASA ambassador will visit on April 6. STEM activities will be held, and solar glasses will be handed out.
  - f. The adult program in April is planting lavender in 3-gallon pots.
  - g. Gary Wenstrup will give a one-hour presentation on the History of the Beatles on April 27 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.
  - h. February numbers are good.
  - i. The book club at Clayton's Tap is receiving great feedback from other libraries and patrons.
  - j. Shelton is our new Patron Services Supervisor.
  - k. We have offered a person the Bookkeeper/ Office Manager position.
  - l. We are looking for a Trustee to join our fantastic team.
- 6. President's Report**
  - a. The annual ethics statement needs to be turned in by May.
- 7. Vice President's Report**
  - a. None
- 8. Financial Report**
  - a. A motion was made to accept the February Financial Reports as presented. Motioned by Ebert and seconded by Davy. In favor: Ebert, Davy, Keavny, and Porth. Opposed: None. Approved 4-0.
  - b. The financial reports are easier to read because they are being printed in portrait and by streamlining verbiage on the check details.
  - c. Employees' reimbursement checks are being added to Paylocity
  - d. The Per Capita grant money will be used to buy new furniture for the new building.
  - e. A motion was made to approve the RLI Insurance Company invoice for the Surety bond. Ebert moved to approve meeting minutes, and Keavney seconded. In favor: Ebert, Davy, Keavny, 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. None

**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. He also discussed different options for the size of the new meeting room, how much of the ceiling to redo, and whether or not to add a canopy to the new building.
- ii. Schretter and Ellonardo left the meeting at 7:20.

**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.

**11. Action on Executive Session**

- a. None.

**12. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**13. New Business**

- a. Porth received a gift and card for his years of service to the Morris Area Public Library Board.
- b. A motion was made to move the April 15th general board meeting to April 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Motioned by Davy and seconded by Ebert. Approved 4-0.

**14. Adjournment** - Time 7:28 -Eberts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keavney. 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
New Years Eve - December 31, 2024	Tuesday - close at 2:00p
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