



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library

April 22, 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 Peterson were present. Cummings and Minett were absent.
- c. Library Director Mai and guests Burton, Eallonardo, Schretter, and Zableckis were also present.

2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes

- a. A motion was made to accept the agenda. Motioned by Keavney and seconded by Ebert. The motion was approved 4 - 0.

3. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment

- a. Patrons stated that the bus trip to Circa' 21 was great.

4. Minutes from the previous regular meeting

- a. A motion was made to approve the March 11, 2024, General Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Ebert and seconded by Keavney. The motion was approved 4-0.

5. Director's Report

- a. Zableckis is the new bookkeeper/office manager. Esposito is assisting in the transition. Zableckis will take minutes at future board meetings.
- b. That Perennial Place laid a landscape cloth and rocks under the mural to prevent the mud from splashing up on the project.
- c. There is more interest in the commemorative bricks for the library.
- d. The theme of SAP is "Your Adventure Begins at the Library."
- e. Upcoming programs are History of the Beatles, Monsters and Rebels, a Field Trip to the Field Museum, and Storm Chasers. Catherine L. Hatcher Memorial Seminar, Northern Life Insurance, and Lyondellbasell sponsor these programs.
- f. Program numbers are good.
- g. The trip to *Church Basement Ladies* was well received. Upcoming theater bus trips include *Matilda* in August and Conklin Barn III in December.
- h. There is a new patron service hire, Biasella.
- i. There are four community members interested in the appointed board position.
- j. We welcome Davy as the new Board President.
- k. The library has new tables and chairs that are being used.

6. President's Report

- a. None

7. Vice President's Report

- a. A motion was made to elect Keavney as Vice President. Motioned by Ebert and seconded by Peterson. The motion was approved 4-0.

8. Financial Report

- a. A motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented. It was moved by Peterson and seconded by Keavney. Ebert, Davy, Keavny, and Peterson were in favor. None were opposed. The motion was approved 4-0.

9. New Business

- a. A discussion was held on the four applicants for the open position on the board. The four applications were reviewed. All four applications were impressive.
- b. A motion was made to appoint Robert Gieger to the library board trustee position. It was motioned by Ebert and seconded by Keavney. In favor: Ebert, Davy, and Keavny. Abstained: Peterson. Opposed: None. The motion was approved 3-0-1.

10. 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. A motion was made to accept the 160-seat meeting room addition and to update the entire ceiling while not adding the outside canopy. The total budget for the construction will be 1,819,198.00. Motioned by Peterson and seconded by Ebert. In favor: Ebert, Davy, Keavney, and Peterson. Opposed: None. Approved 4-0.
- iii. A timeline for the project was presented. The new build could be completed by January 2026 if all deadlines are met.
- iv. Keavney left at 7:44.

11. 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 the 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 the power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

12. Action on Executive Session

- a. None.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. None

14. **Adjournment** - Time 7:56. -Peterson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ebert. Approved 3-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____, Board Secretary