Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting. President Mike Neal called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members present were: Mike Neal, John White, Julie Mieure, Deanna Ratts Boyd, and Joan Brian. Library Director Dianne Brumley was present. Board members absent: Janet Faro and Cyndi Hays-Morris.

**Recognition of Visitors:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** John made a motion to approve the January minutes, Joan seconded. Motion passed.

**Claims:**
The claims included payments of $1,616.92 and $490 to Otis Elevator for ongoing work to address problems with the library lift. The lift needs to work consistently for its upcoming inspection. Dianne said the lift hasn’t worked properly since its installation in 2014. Julie made a motion to accept the claims, Joan seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

**Director’s Report:** Dianne said $1,422.30 from the Privilege Tax Distribution was deposited into the general checking. A $184,000 CD will mature at the end of this month. Dianne said she reviewed interest rates at various banks. Casey State Bank offered the highest rate at 2 percent for a 12- or 18-month CD. Members agreed to put the funds into a 12-month CD with the institution. The Friends of the Library held a Mini Book and Bake sale on Feb. 8. The event raised $800, which will go toward the Summer Reading Program. Debra Ann Miller will present “A Tale of Beatrix Potter,” at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the library. Dianne said the large table in the library needs to be refinished and she would like to get the work completed this spring. Bob Edgin quoted a price of $263. It was agreed to postpone the work, until John had an opportunity to speak with Steve Kassem, who worked on other tables in the past. Dianne also said she would like to have the carpets and windows cleaned. She will be taking vacation the first week of March.

**Unfinished Business**
John White brought up a discussion of the proposed ceiling and light improvements. He presented a report from accountant Dave Weger outlining the library’s projected income and expenses through June 2023. Dave anticipates revenue will exceed
expenses over the next three years. The final payment on a current bond issue will be made by June 2022 and he estimates the library will end June 2023 with a net cash flow of $47,563.13. During the discussion, John said switching to the LED lighting fixtures would provide an annual savings of $2,000 for the library. He noted the cost for the project will continue to increase the longer it is delayed. It was agreed to have Architecture & Design Group representatives attend the March meeting to discuss the proposal presented in November. Members will have an opportunity to ask additional questions and decide if they wish to proceed with the project. Possible funding options could also be discussed. It was suggested that monies from the Richard “Dick” Poppe bequest could be utilized for the project.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd