

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. — Public Library  
February 21, 2023

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

**Recognition of Visitors:** Steve Anderson

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

**Financial Report:** John noted the budget is on target for the year. To date, ADG-Architecture & Design Group has been paid 75 percent of what is owed for the ceiling and lighting project.

**Claims:**

Julie made a motion to accept the claims, Jamie seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote.

**Director's Report:** Dianne said there was an increase in check outs for January. Computer use and in-person visits are also up. She reported the ceiling and lighting project went smoothly. The final invoice is expected soon. A CD with Casey State Bank is due on February 25. The balance is \$191,562.76. The CD will be renewed for 12 months at an interest rate of 4.10 percent. Library Assistant Carol Hutchinson is retiring on February 28. She is currently the longest-serving employee with 21 years of service. The board approved allowing Dianne to proceed with advertising and hiring an additional staff member to fill the vacancy. With Carol's departure, the library will be without a notary. Dianne said having one on staff is a service to the community. She and Jennifer Buchanan are looking into becoming notaries. They also are exploring new opportunities for increasing programming at the library. An art class will be offered on March 18. This was a recommendation made by the Teen Advisory Board. The Teen and Adult Winter Reading Challenge has been a successful event with 42 participants this year.

**Youth and Program Director's Report:** The Teen Advisory Board is in place and meeting. Members suggested starting an Instagram account for the library, which Jennifer Buchanan did. The group will meet again in March.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Building Issues:** John met with Jason Wright for a walk through of the library following the ceiling and lighting project. It was determined there was no work to finish. John reported that there is an odor again in the library. He contacted the mayor regarding the issue. He has been assured the problem will be addressed. John suggested contacting Ewing Printing to create a new sign for the front of the library that could incorporate the new logo. Dianne reported Tracy Electric replaced a blower on a furnace. Tracy Electric noted the three aging furnaces will need to be replaced in the future. It was recommended the board consider replacing the units at staggered intervals.

### **New Business:**

**Dunseth Home:** John noted Farm Credit has purchased the historic Dunseth Home property. The house will be torn down in May or June. The Historical Society plans to take photos and tour the building before it is demolished. The library board has been invited to participate in the tour.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd