

Lawrence Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. — Public Library  
March 19, 2024

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, and Joan Brian. Youth and Program Director Jennifer Buchanan was present.

Board members absent were: Cyndi Hays-Morris and Jamie Cox.

Library Director Dianne Brumley was absent.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Steve Anderson

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

**Financial Report:** John noted the budget is on target for the year.

**Claims:**

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

**Director's Report:** Jennifer distributed a draft of the new Whistle Blower Policy for review and discussion at next month's meeting. Dianne proposed library hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon be observed during the solar eclipse on April 8.

**Youth and Program Director's Report:** The Winter Reading Challenge concluded on February 24. Jennifer reported 43 people signed up, including 11 teens. Spark classes continue. In March, participants learned about honeybees. On March 9, the library hosted an art class lead by Sherrie Zwilling. The 20 participants included 12 teens. On April 2, Dennis Stroughmatt will present a program on French Creole settlements in Illinois.

**Unfinished Business**

**Bridgeport Leader Project:** John said John King, of the Lawrence County Historical Society, will deliver the Bridgeport Leader newspapers to Advantage Archives in Iowa for digitization.

**New Business:**

**Eclipse Hours:** Joan made a motion to approve the Eclipse Hours as proposed, Janet seconded. Motion passed.

**Circulation Desk Update:** John noted the plastic guards, installed at the circulation desk during the pandemic, can be removed. He also reported Dianne has researched the possibility of replacing the current purple formica countertop, which was installed in 2007. She noted the glass top is scratched and the countertop doesn't coordinate with recent remodeling projects. Niehaus Lumber provided a quote of \$4,142.91 to replace the countertop with a neutral color quartz. Dianne requested the circulation desk update take place this year and the furnace project be pushed back to next year. Julie made a motion to accept the quote, Joan seconded. Motion was approved on a roll call vote.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by

Deanna Ratts Boyd