

Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library Board was called to order by Sharon Rinderer at 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023.

Roll called showed the following members were present:

Nancy Genteman

Amy Kloss

Justin McLaughlin

Marshall Rinderer

Sharon Rinderer

Joshua Short

Shaun Voegele

Bill Wagner

William Piper and Louis Latzer, Associate Members

Angela Kim, Director

Absent: Susan Martz

June Minutes: After a review of the minutes, Josh Short motioned to approve the minutes and Bill Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

Public Forum: None

Treasurer's Report: Josh Short presented the treasurer's report. The accounts look good. Property taxes are coming. Josh mentioned the report is smaller since the Busey Bank is not an account with a significant amount of money. Angela met with Kevin Hemann regarding the HACF monies. She would like to the account be named Special Projects, using the large endowments that the library has. Justin McLaughlin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Shaun Voegele seconded it. Motion carried.

June/July Bills: After the board reviewed the bills, Josh Short made a motion to approve both months and Marshall Rinderer seconded it. Roll was called with Justin McLaughlin abstaining from the July bills approval. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: Angela is still waiting for the deposit of the last half of the fraud check into the tax account. She has emailed the bank, but asked if board members may have to get involved.

The library received a check for \$14,736.73 from the Illinois State Library that will help with the large print shelving. Shelving units have been ordered.

Angela was contacted by a landscaping company in Marine regarding the Pollinator/Butterfly Garden. She will be meeting with them soon.

The summer reading program had another large turnout. It had 460 readers who signed up and 225 who completed the program. There were many wonderful comments from those who participated. There were a few families unhappy with the cutoff date, but they had the entire month of July to return it.

The sensory boards, which were funded by Sam's Club, have been installed in the hallway by the auditorium. They are definitely enjoyed by all who encounter them.

Family Search is wanting to digitize death records but the city has them at the moment. They won't be accessible until the city reopens city hall.

Originally, the HACF Grant monies were going to be used towards the new landscaping project, but with the extended drought and delayed landscaping responses, Angela wrote a different grant to go towards the shelving project.

The library received two checks, which are annual payouts for the endowment account from the trust account. This year, the checks totaled \$20,777.31.

The library also received a check for \$5,000 from the Optimist Club to be put towards the children's library circulation desk.

Betty Malan donated a gorgeous bronze statue that she purchased in New Orleans in memory of her husband, Roland Malan. It is of a little boy and girl reading on a log. It is located in the Children's Library courtyard. The cost of the statue was \$4,700 and was delivered by a semi-trailer truck. Board members were encouraged to check it out after the meeting. Since the statue of the little girl reading has a name, it was suggested that names be given to them as well.

Former staff member, Betty Tschannen, passed away in June. She had worked for the library for many years and was in her 80's when she was doing it. The library received approximately \$800 in memorials.

Angela broke her ankle on July 12th and has been on limited duty in the library. She has been working in and out of the library and from home. While in the library, she did give a women's club a tour with the broken ankle. Also, she watched six videos of local history, which have been used on the information board. Shaun Voegele plans to send them to Joe Switzer to add music. Jeff Menz also contributed to local history by taking a picture on an app. There are, in particular, an interesting video from 1938 with firefighters and one from 1940-1950 Madison County Fair. Angela contacted the fair board to see if they would be interested in using it next year at the fair.

Due to her broken ankle, Angela had to postpone her July vacation but plans to be away September 3-7.

Book Committee Report: There were 68 books added to collection from various memorials. Angela did note that memorials for Joyce Zerban are still coming in.

Unfinished Business:

Pollinator/Educational Garden – this project has been tabled for now.

Board Members Oath of Office – those board members who were due to sign oath of office, did so at the August meeting.

The Illinois Statute on Banned Books with updated policy for our library has been tabled. Angela is still working on the updates for our library.

New Business:

The Board Meeting Dates/ Times were discussed. The only change to be made will be the January meeting which will be held January 25, 2024, instead of January 23, 2024. There was a scheduling conflict for several members. Marshall Rinderer made a motion to approve the board meeting dates/times as proposed and Shaun Voegelé seconded it. Motion carried.

Election of Officers – Marshall Rinderer made a motion to approve re-election of the existing officers and Justin McLaughlin seconded it. Motion carried.

Bank authorizations will stay the same as there is no change in the officers.

Other Business:

Josh Short sent an email regarding banned books to Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. He received positive responses from both. He also received an email from Representative Mary Miller regarding it.

Adjournment: Josh Short made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Marshall Rinderer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023.