

Guernsey County District Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 22, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Guernsey County District Public Library met in regular session at 5pm on August 22, 2023, at the Crossroads Branch.

Trustees present:

Sheila Ellenberger, Deborah Cunningham, Jo Sexton, Carla Smith, Cathy Koscoe and Stephanie Laube

Library employees present:

Michael Limer, Ada Myers, Lauren Burris and Jennifer Jacobs

Guests present:

Myra Scheurer, Randy Vankirk, Rick Holt, Rick Warne, Brenda Warne, Brenda Pontius, Rodney King, Lori Cass, Linda Fitzgerald, Lori Godby, James Pulley, Cheryl Pawkins

President, Ellenberger called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Ellenberger stated the ground rules for public participation.

Public participation included Scheurer sharing information on her campaign for Municipal Court Judge and several other guests asking about library policy around book selection and retention. Ellenberger and Limer address those questions and concerns.

Public participation ended at 5:17pm.

Review and Approval July 31 Regular Meeting Minutes

June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion by Cunningham and 2nd by Sexton. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Financials were presented by Jacobs. Of note: PLF was up; received second half of levy monies; Friends of the Library gave a donation. Cunningham motioned to approve the financial. Smith 2nd and motion carried.

New Business

Approval of Hires –

Evie Barnhouse = youth services position @ \$16.50/hr

Davey Soltic = part to full-time clerk @ \$12.10/hr

Kelly Middy = custodian @ \$13.75/hr (Sept 1 start date)

Deborah Samson = outreach/marketing @ \$42,500/yr (Oct 2 [approximately] start date)

Each hire will receive any benefits available for the position

Koscoe motioned to approve hires; Laube 2nd and motion carried.

Koscoe motioned to accepted new business with a 2nd by Cunningham. Motion carried.

US Fish and Wildlife Agreement –

Attached agreement was discussed. Laube motioned to proceed with the agreement while Jacobs looks into insurance and liability questions that arose; Cunningham 2nd and motion carried.

Portrait Donation –

Several portraits from 1925 (featuring Guernsey County business owners) were found in the downtown library. The Guernsey County Historical Society would like to display them and will give us digital photos. Smith motioned to donation the portraits to the Guernsey County Historical Society; Koscoe 2nd and motion carried.

Old Business

No old Business

Youth Services Coordinator Report

See attached

Director's Report

Summer Reading – great job Ada & Lauren

Byesville – everything is moving along and on track. Currently under budget

Field Update – agreement discussed earlier. This will be a great partnership with Rotary, ODNR & Fish & Wildlife

Candidate Search – previously discussed

PC purchases – complete

Card purge – complete

GCC Repairs – continuing issues with the wall outside the downtown office. County engineer Paul Sherry contacted regarding the sink hole currently forming. A contractor is looking at the down spout where the drop box is located because of a leak

Salt Fork Arts Festival – not a lot of traffic where the library was set up. Burriss was under the pavilion with kids crafts and had a fair amount of traffic

Guernsey County Fair – library will have a booth. See Myers for the schedule and if you would like to help man the booth. Date: Sept 11-16

Visiting Legislators – special story time was held with a visiting legislator. Legislator Holmes will be at the library next week for an open meeting he is holding

Closings – Boo Bash & In-Service – October 21 is the Boo Bash and downtown will be closed. October 23 is in-service and all branches will be closed. The in-service will include a tour of the Byesville branch focusing on the grand opening next month

Executive Session

No executive session

Business Too Late for the Agenda

Myers shared the new Fall newsletter

Public participant Holt asked if we are looking at the Ohio Revised Code regarding books. Limer indicated that he will ask Prosecutor Angler to look at it. Any member of the public can call the library to learn the outcome.

Adjournment

Sexton made a motion to adjourn. Koscoe 2nd and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for September 26 @ 5pm at Crossroads.

President

Secretary