

Guernsey County District Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 24, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Guernsey County District Public Library met in regular session at 5pm on October 24, 2023 at the Downtown Branch.

Trustees present:

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

Library employees present:

Michael Limer, Ada Myers, Lauren Burris, and Jennifer Jacobs and Deborah Fader Samson

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

Secretary Laube did a board member roll call

Warhola motioned to approve the Agenda. Sexton seconded, motioned carried.

Youth Services

Youth Services Supervisor Burris handed out and discussed October services, programs and plans going forward.

Assistant Director's Report

Myers provided a handout and shared her activities within the library, community and OLC.

Director's Report

Limer presented his October report which included:

Author Festival – very successful. Myers is making plans for next year

Boo Bash – over 530 attendees

Staff In-service: Myers headed this up and included personality tests, a trip to see renovations at the Byesville library as well as valuable information and training for staff

Bookmobile – Antrim school was added last month. Head Start will be added soon

Staff PC Deployment – new PCs are being deployed to everyone

Byesville – renovations are moving along as scheduled; working on grand opening

GCT Field – hoping to till in November and then seed with native prairie plants

Stats – circulation is up 16%

Adult literacy – talking with DD and developing a plan

Dickens – December 9 is the Marathon Reading event; still some open slots

Public Participation

Ellenberger welcomed the 41 guests who attended for Public participation and explained the Library's policy for Public Participation. A sign in sheet was provided and 15 individuals indicated that they would like to speak to the Board. They were present to express their thoughts (pro and con) regarding the book entitled *It's Perfectly Normal*. Ellenberger thanked everyone for coming and stated that the Board of Directors had reached a decision and no further public discussion would be held on this topic.

Board of Directors

Cunningham was sworn in by Jacobs

Review and approval of meeting minutes

The Board Reviewed and approved the September 26, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction to the spelling and title for Brennan Dudley with the Village of Byesville.

Financial Reports

Financial officer Jacobs presented the financial report. Warhola motioned to approve the financials, Cunningham seconded and motion carried.

New Business

Limer thanks Warhola for the book donation. Limer shared renovation spending. Discussion was had regarding whether to move the December board meeting scheduled for December 26. Laube motioned to move the meeting to December 19. Koscoe seconded and the motion carried.

Jacobs provided the board with a Temporary appropriations sheet. Laube motioned to approve with a second by Warhola. Roll call was made and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion was made to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation by Koscoe and seconded by Cunningham. Roll call was made. The board went into executive session to discuss employee compensation at 6:04pm and left executive session at 6:28pm.

A Motion was made by Warhola and seconded by Sexton stating "Due to an Anthem rebate to the library, the Board of Trustees moves to proportionately distribute to employees currently paying into medical insurance the amount rebated from the carrier." Roll call was made and motion unanimously passed.

Business Too Late for the Agenda

Friends of the Library were acknowledged.

Samson was welcomed.

A few board members attended OSU Zanesville's Banned Books Café and shared information.

The board adjourned at 6:40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28 @ 5:00pm at Crossroads.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephanie Laube
Secretary