

MINUTES

Call to order.

4:34 p.m.

Roll call.

Introductions, audience and visitors. Visitors are asked to introduce themselves at this time and present any issues they wish to discuss. Visitors wishing to address specific agenda items will be granted two to five minutes at the discretion of the President, not to exceed a total of twenty minutes. The Library Board may cut short any comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive. (Id. at 1425-26).

Present.

Don Prosser, President
Roland Person, Secretary (1 excused)
Barbara Levine, Treasurer (1 excused)
Philip Brown (1)
Harriet Simon

Absent.

Susan Tulis, Vice President (2 excused)
Joyce Hayes (1 excused)
Chastity Mays (1 excused)
Julian Pei (2; plus 1 excused)

The number following the Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

Visitors.

None.

Staff present.

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director; Gwen Hall Grosshenrich, Finance Manager

President's report.

The President excused absences for Chastity Mays, Susan Tulis, Joyce Hayes, and Julian Pei in accordance with the Board's bylaws.

Secretary's report.

1. Approval of October 13, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. Roland Person moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Philip Brown seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Correspondence and communications.

None.

Financial report.

1. Approval of bills payable up to and including bills due November 16, 2021 to December 15, 2021. Philip Brown moved to pay the bills. Roland Person seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.
2. Acceptance of the financial report for October, 2021. The Finance Manager reported that we have received about 55% of our property taxes so far. Barbara Levine moved to approve the finance report. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Librarian's report.

1. Building and grounds maintenance. None to report.
2. Per Capita Grant requirement: Discussion of Serving Our Public chapters 7, 9, 11 and 12. The Board reviewed the chapters and noted that we have robust online community resources and people do not have to wait to use the Internet. Philip Brown made a motion to renew the Internet Access Policy. The motion was seconded by Harriet Simon. The Board discussed the history of filtering technology and its application in our library. Internet filtering is, by law, a decision left to local library boards. However, we are required to comply with CIPA because we receive federal funding for technology, which pays for 90% of our Internet bill. We have our filters set to only filter out pornography. This effectively prevents the public display of obscenities and sexual harassment of staff and patrons. It does not seem to prevent access to information of any kind. When patrons attempt to visit a filtered site they have the option to send an email requesting access to the site. In the past eleven years the Director recalls receiving only 2 such requests.
3. Intergovernmental agreement for "Illinois Libraries Present." Roland Person made a motion to approve the agreement. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.
4. Other. The Board discussed the City Council discussion of the city's and library's levies.

Committee reports.

None.

New business.

None.

Other.

1. Patron behavior. None.

Unfinished business.

The Board asked the Director to make sure that the clock in the meeting room gets repaired.

Adjournment.

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Roland Person, Secretary

Prepared by: Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Board Meetings for 2021. All meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held in the Public Library meeting room at 4:30 p.m. unless taking place online due to a state of emergency (Agenda and link posted at <https://carbondalepubliclibrary.org/aboutus/board-of-trustees/upcoming-board-meeting-agenda/>): January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, *September 15 (*third Wednesday), October 13, November 10, December 8, 2021.