

**Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees
Carbondale Public Library, Meeting Room
405 W. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62901**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to order.

4:30 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 (1)
Roland Person, Secretary
Barbara Levine, Treasurer
Philip Brown (1 excused)
Joyce Hayes (1)
Julian Pei
Harriet Simon

Absent.

Chastity Mays, Vice President (2); Susan Tulis (3 absences; 1 excused)

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

Staff present.

Diana Brawley Sussman, Director

Visitors.

None.

President's report.

Discussed Sylvia Greenfield's trust. The library is listed as a beneficiary of 16% of the trust. Riley Logan Barker, the Trustee, responded to Don Prosser's letter explaining that he could pay \$60,000 now, and send more once all property has been liquidated. Don Prosser replied that we would accept the \$60,000 at this time and wait for more later. Mr. Barker sent a check for \$16,000. Thus, we don't know whether this is an error. We are grateful for Ms. Greenfield's generosity. We do want to ensure that the library gets the total of her intended donation. A Declaration of Trust was filed as a matter of public record, and the Library Director was not informed by the Trustee, but was informed by another recipient who saw that the library was listed. Philip Brown made a motion to authorize Don Prosser to write a letter to follow up with the trust regarding the specific amounts owed to the library. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Secretary's report.

1. Approval of March 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Barbara Levine made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Correspondence and communications.

None.

Financial report.

1. Approval of bills payable up to and including bills due April 16, 2023 to May 15, 2023. Roland Person

moved to pay the bills. Joyce Hayes seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Set Finance Committee meeting near end of April. Meeting set for April 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

3. Authorize the finance committee to approve all bills to be paid by the last day of the fiscal year, not to exceed budgetary authority. Philip Brown moved to authorize the committee. Roland Person seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Acceptance of the financial report for March, 2023. Expenses are slightly below projections. Revenue is higher than projected, particularly replacement tax and interest earnings. Roland Person moved to put excess funds into the Building Reserves account. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously. Harriet Simon moved to accept the report. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Librarian's report.

1. Building and grounds maintenance. None.

2. Other. Don Prosser requested that the Director check with the City Attorney again about whether the library is exempt from the obligation to form a Decennial Committee. It is Don Prosser's opinion that municipal libraries would be exempt.

Committee reports.

None.

New business.

1. Revision of Materials Selection Policy. Harriet Simon moved to accept the revision with slight editorial changes. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Adoption of the ALA Freedom to Read Statement. Philip Brown moved to adopt the statement. Roland Person seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of the ALA Library Bill of Rights. Roland Person moved to adopt the Bill of Rights. Philip Brown seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of the Freedom to View Statement of the American Film and Video Association endorsed by the ALA Council. Roland Person moved to adopt the statement. Joyce Hayes seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Other.

1. Patron behavior. Two patrons were discussed. One stole another patron's phone, as verified on security footage. The other was repeatedly warned to stop leering at women (patrons and staff) in the library. He even had to be redirected away from the Story Time area because he was leering at mothers and toddlers. He was banned for the day on multiple occasions. Don Prosser made a motion to ban each person for twelve months with readmission available afterward upon request. Philip Brown seconded. The Director voiced her opinion that a patron who sexually harasses women in the library after repeated warnings should not be allowed to return at all. Julian Pei agreed and opposed the motion. Don Prosser feels that we should give people another chance in the event that perhaps they've received treatment to modify their behavior. MOTION passed (6 ayes; 1 nay).

Unfinished business.

None.

Adjournment.

5:36pm

Respectfully submitted:

Roland Person, Secretary

Prepared by: Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Board Meetings for 2023. All meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month. 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 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, 2023.