

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
405 W. Main Street, Carbondale, IL 62901, Library Meeting Room
Saturday, March 2, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Call to order.

Committee Chair Chastity Mays called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call.

Present: Chastity Mays, Chair; Frances Anterola, Member; Julian Pei, Member

Staff present: Jennifer Robertson, Library Director

No visitors.

1. Discuss and approve a plan for the Healing Illinois grant-funded mural project.

a. Artist selection.

- i. Ms. Robertson shared slides with the work of local mural artists and suggested that committee members choose an artist quickly due to the June grant deadline. Ms. Mays suggested a local artist, Jamarr McZeke. Mr Pei motioned to start the process by contacting artist Maddie Dieters of ThreeLine Art for a formal proposal, with the possibility of Jamarr McZeke assisting. Ms. Mays seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Robertson will contact the artist and begin the process.

b. Book selection.

- i. Ms. Robertson suggested a survey asking community members for input into book selections. Ms. Robertson asked the committee if they would prefer she share the survey with the entire community or a selected group of individuals. The committee members agreed that Ms. Robertson should share the survey widely with the community. Mr. Pei recommended having paper copies available at the library. Ms. Robertson will finalize the survey.
- ii. The focus of the Healing Illinois grant is racial healing, so many of the titles chosen will include authors or characters from diverse backgrounds, reflecting the multifaceted narratives and perspectives essential for fostering understanding and reconciliation. Ms. Robertson noted that she hopes library programming, such as community conversations or book clubs, can take place around the project.
- iii. Ms. Robertson suggested a small, diverse focus group to narrow the titles once the survey period closed. The committee members agreed and will determine who will be included in the focus group at a later date.

c. Project timeline.

- i. The book selection survey will be sent out by March 8, 2024, remaining open for two weeks. After that, a focus group can meet to narrow down the titles. The mural design process will begin once the artist has the book titles. The artist will start painting once the design process is complete. Following this timeline, the library will expend the grant funds by the June 2024 deadline.

d. Other.

- i. The committee members did not have any additional concerns at this time.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Tulis, Secretary

Prepared by: Jennifer Robertson, Library Director