

September 16, 2021

EAST ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the East Alton Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Maggie Funke at the library. Those in attendance were J. Richie, L. Silkwood, S. Hierman, J. Bricker and C. Wiegand.

Also present was the Director, Richard Chartrand.
6 present, 1 absent. Quorum established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Wiegand Second: Silkwood

Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting.

Roll call vote: Silkwood, aye; Harris, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Hierman, aye. 5 ayes, no nays, 2 absent.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kiwanis of Wood River Township elected to donate a sum of \$1000.00 towards our childrens reading programs

FINANCE

Motion: Silkwood Second: Bricker

Approve wages and expenditures as presented for August 2021.

Roll call vote: Silkwood, aye; Bricker, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Hierman, aye; Wiegand, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****September 2021**

1. Volunteer hours for August were 21.
2. No petitions were filed regarding the 2¢ Building and Maintenance Tax.
3. A copy of the Director's job description is included in the board packet. I think reviewing this is a good way to start for hiring a director.
4. This fiscal year, the Per Capita Grant is due on January 15, 2022.
5. The board will now need to do an annual determination not to sell Non-Resident cards. This will be in 2022.
6. This is the month to approve the Tax Levy.
7. On the agenda as "New Business" is the hiring of Hanna Verdun as Clerk I. Hannah is a resident of Wood River and begins work the week of September 20, 2021.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**September 13th, 2021**

SWAYS meetings have resumed from their summer hiatus. The May minutes were approved and new officers elected. It was decided that the October meeting will also be held using ZOOM, and that we should plan on a month by month basis as to the meeting location. It was unclear whether SWAYS or MAPLE will be hosting the Performer's Showcase, since last year was the year for MAPLE to host, and they obviously did not. Possible meeting topics were discussed. Much of the remaining time was spent discussing different libraries' experiences with their Summer Reading Programs. Those libraries that chose outdoor venues had issues with summer heat and rain. They found ZOOM activities were not well attended, and that in general, many people signed up for programs, then sometimes only a fraction of those people attended. Other times, people would bring along neighborhood kids and siblings, and expected there to be enough materials for all. One way to boost attendance was to require a deposit. In general, many are finding, as we are, that many patrons are balking at putting on a mask, and won't come to activities if masks are required.

Currently, the library is holding a Back to School Reading Challenge, as well as 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

I am continuing the culling of the Children's Collection. I've finished the YA novel series, JFIC novels, JFIC

paperback collection, and the Jchapter collections. I'm currently working on JNonFic.

Submitted by Becky Retzer.

DISCUSSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: Silkwood Second: Hierman

Levy Ordinance 2021-03

Roll call vote: Silkwood, aye; Hierman, aye; Wiegand, aye; Bricker, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Hierman Second: Richie

Approve the hiring of Hannah Verdun effective September 20, 2021 at \$11 per hour.

Roll call vote: Hierman, aye; Richie, aye; Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye; Bricker, aye; Funke, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.