

ADA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 17, 2022 – 9:05 A.M.

The Ada Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call: Connie Fleming, present; Bethany Spieth, present; Ann Donnelly Hamilton, present, Jenny Gargac, present, and Brandon Fauber, present.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting was approved by the Board with corrections to the Committee Report section.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. The Fiscal Officer presented the Financial Report which includes a Receipts report, Payment Report, Income Statement, and Bank Reconciliation (see attachment A).
- B. Additionally, the Fiscal Offer reported that the PLF revenue for September was \$19,720.83 from Hardin County and \$946.36 from Hancock County. The Ohio Library Council reported that the September PLF revenue was 11% higher than estimated.

After discussion Connie Fleming moved, seconded by Bethany Spieth to accept the fiscal officer's reports. Roll call: All yea. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Director commented that the Library had received three letters from concerned citizens. (see attachment C).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT from Rhett (see attachment B).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(Open) – Chairperson—Building & Grounds. **None.**

Connie Fleming – Chairperson—Audit/Finance/Investment. **None.**

(Open) - Chairperson – Publicity-Library Relations/Services (includes Employee Recognition).

Rhett Grant & Nancy Stauffer – Chairpersons – Records Commission. **None.**

(Open) - Chairperson - Personnel Committee (includes legislation). **Connie Fleming commented that October is staff evaluation month.**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION. Motion was made by Ann Donnelly Hamilton and seconded by Brandon Fauber approve the 2023 amounts and rates as determined by the Hardin County Budget Commission.

Roll call: All yea. Motion Carried.

2022 APPROPRIATIONS MODIFICATION. Motion was made by Connie Fleming and seconded by Ann Donnelly Hamilton to approved an appropriation increase to the Guiding Ohio Online Grant Fund, Purchased Service by \$8,123.10. Roll call: All yea. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS FORM. The Director presented a new Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form to the Board for review. Motion was made by Ann Donnelly Hamilton and seconded by Connie Fleming to approved the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form as presented. Roll call: All yea. Motion Carried.

BOARD COMMENT.

The Board asked the Director to create two new forms. A parental permission form allowing juveniles to check out DVDs and a form in which a patron can provide authorization that another named person can check out that patron's materials.

Connie Fleming commented that the annual Christmas Silent Auction will start in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Cathy Daft, Kelly Huber, Lori Kline, and Ann McKinley all stated they were present to follow up on the public comment discussion from the September Board meeting.

Kelly Huber inquired if the books in which she had expressed concerned at the September Board meeting had been reviewed. She also asked if the books referenced on the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form would be held by the Director and not be put back in circulation until the issue was resolved.

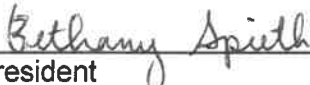
Karen Garver commented that there is more than a small group of concerned citizens. She stated they are concerned that materials are available to children in the library that contain content on alternative lifestyles, sexuality, and the LGBTQ. She expressed that parents may not be aware of what their children are reading. She asked if the Board is considering taking these items of concern out of the children's area and putting them in a separate section of the library. She also expressed concern about the content of some young adult books.

The Board discussed that the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form should be utilized by patrons with concerns. The form provides a description of the review process to be followed by the Library.

The Board asked the Director to respond to the 50(+) books of concern from Kelly Huber.

Ann Donnelly Hamilton commented that she requested the list of all books purchased by the Library in the last year because a statement had been made to her at the September Board meeting that there has been an increase in the quantity of books on the disputed topics.

At 10:35 a.m., Bethany Spieth, declared the meeting adjourned.



President



Secretary