

ADA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 19, 2022 – 9:04 A.M.

The Ada Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call: Connie Fleming, present; Bethany Spieth, present; Ann Donnelly Hamilton, present, Jenny Gargac, absent (on line), and Brandon Fauber, present.

The minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting was approved by the Board with corrections to the Director's 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 April was \$21,118.08 from Hardin County and \$1,016.62 from Hancock County. The Ohio Library Council reported that the September PLF revenue was 6.8% 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 read a thank you note concerning the use of the meeting room for an anniversary party.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT from Rhett (see attachment B). The Board discussed the policy related to picking up of patron holds by the patron's spouse. The also discussed the patron maximum check out limits. The Board asked the Director to review those policies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(Open) – Chairperson—Building & Grounds. **The Director commented that the parking lot had been sealed.**

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

(Open) - Chairperson – Publicity-Library Relations/Services (includes Employee Recognition). **Ann Donnelly Hamilton reported that she had been contacted by State Representative Jon Cross. He expressed to her that he had received complaints from residents related to library materials that were on display in the juvenile and young adult areas of the library. Representative Cross then visited the library and expressed that he believes in the concept of freedom of speech, but he was also bothered by those same materials being on display in juvenile and young adult areas of the library.**

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:

2022 APPROPRIATIONS MODIFICATION. Motion was made by Bethany Spieth and seconded by Brandon Fauber to approved the appropriation increase as presented by the Fiscal Officer. General Fund - Employee Fringe Benefits (-) \$7,000.00

Library Materials (+) \$5,000.00

Supplies (+) \$2,000.00

Roll call: All yea. Motion Carried.

The Director presented the Board with a proposed Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form. He commented that he had spoken with OLC and other library directors when creating the form. Several questions were raised and the Board decided that the approval of the form would be tabled for legal counsel review and approval.

The Library Collection Development Policy is reference in the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form. Ann Donnelly Hamilton asked if the Collection Development policy was easily available for the public to review. Board members commented that the policy needs to be reviewed by the Board.

The Director also present the Board with a procedure for responding to concerns about library materials. Bethany Spieth requested that item #7 be changed to make sure all complaints are given to the Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jacob Huber expressed concerns and commented that he had spoken to State Representative Jon Cross, about the placement and display of books within the library's juvenile and young adult areas that promoted adult related topics and alternative life styles. He suggested that these materials be put into an adult parenting section of the library.

Kelly Huber commented that she had spent time reviewing and tagging pages of books that had content that was of concern to her. She commented that the books came from juvenile and young adult sections of the library. She asked that the library review the pages of the books she had tagged. She asked that all materials with suggestive content be moved to a parenting section.

Cathy Daft commented that she was concerned that these topics were in the juvenile and young adult areas of the library.

Randal Garver commented that he felt these books were child abuse and asked if patrons from Ada were asking for this type of materials. He commented that he felt the Board was responsible for what items are in the library's collection.

At 10:21 a.m., Bethany Spieth, declared the meeting adjourned.

Bethany Spieth
President

Ann Donnelly Hamilton
Secretary