

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the Library on September 17, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Frank Bandre, Scot Erickson, Suzy Friederich, Jordan Rehfeldt, Kay Connolly and Merly Friedland. Absent was Wayne Wilhelm. Also present was Library Director Joel Pikora.

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes.

Additions to Agenda – None. Public Comments – None.

The minutes of the last Board meeting on August 20, 2024 were approved as corrected.
(Motion by Jordan, second by Scot)

Financial Report: Frank presented the Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2024, the statements of income and expenses for the month of August, 2024 and the 4-month year-to-date period from May 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024. Total income was \$298,319, representing 52.9% of budget. Income included \$194,532 in Corporate Taxes, \$36,016 in Veteran Property Tax Relief and \$14,085 in Grants. Frank stated that we should be receiving the balance of corporate taxes shortly, following collection of property taxes by the County earlier this month.

Year to date expenses were \$228,022 representing 40.4% of budget. As anticipated, significant amounts went toward building maintenance and improvements. Cash position and temporary investments remain strong.

The Board unanimously approved the above financial statements and ordered that the same be filed for audit. *(Motion by Roger, second by Scot)*

Committee Report: None

Director's Report: Please refer to the Director's detailed written report for the September, 2024 Board Meeting covering library operations, programming attendance and activities since the last meeting, the Comparative Library Circulation Report for August, 2023 and August, 2024 and Non-Resident Registrations.

Activities in August involved the rotation of standard programs and inclusion of weekly movies which drew usual attendance level. We had a successful book club, with higher participation this time.

The Director presented in detail a full slate of outreach events for October. It is going to be a busy month, with expected wide participation by the schools, businesses, other community organizations and various age groups..

Implementation of the Project Next Generation is progressing well. The materials and tools needed to put Fiero Code, our new coding database, to work are being acquired through Lazerware.

Old Business: Streamline Website Package Consortium Pricing – After discussion of the benefits from this material, the Board acted as follows:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved a subscription to Streamline Website Package Consortium at a price of \$120 per month for one year.

(Motion by Suzy, second by Frank)

New Business: A) 2024 Illinois Standards Reviews – The Board reviewed and discussed in detail Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 covering Building Infrastructure and Maintenance, Safety, Collection Management, System Member Responsibilities and Resource Sharing, and Reference and Reader's Advisory, respectively.

B) 2025 Action Plan – Joel presented and discussed in detail the 2025 Action Plan for the Mascoutah Public Library. It consists of seven (7) Initiatives, defining Long-Plan, Priorities and Goals of the Library. The plan covers the period from October, 2024 – December, 2025. After discussion, it is the consensus of the Board that this is a very positive plan, worthy of implementation for the enhancement of library services..

C) As considered at previous meetings, ***the Board approved, by unanimous voice votes***, the following expenditures:

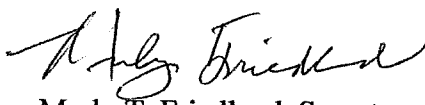
The amount of \$1,060.33 to Lazerware for a NUC14 i5 Microfilm Machine.

(Motion by Suzy, second by Roger)

The amount of \$2,397.62 to Lazerware for E14 Laptops for Card Catalog.

(Motion by Roger, second by Scot)

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be at the library on November 19, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.



Merly T. Friedland, Secretary