

Minutes of the Aurora Public Library District Board of Trustees

September 24, 2018 Meeting

The Aurora Public Library District Board of Trustees met on September 24, 2018, at the Aurora Public Library. President Ben Turner called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with Sue Manford, Randy Dennis, Michelle Ryan, Angela Burkhardt, and Dorothy Svava present. Library Director Margaret Dean (Peggy) and Business Manager Janet Hall-Louden were also present. Maureen Eller was unable to attend.

A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Svava to approve the August 27, 2018 Board Meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Librarian's Report

Spook Handy appeared in concert at the Aurora Public Library on September 13, 2018, and the audience loved hearing his stories about performing with Pete Seeger. Several of the audience members stated they had read about the concert in the local newspaper the previous week.

The Library District hosted a presentation by Jim Deaton on Dillsboro History as part of the Dillsboro Heritage Festival on September 15, 2018. Staff members Janet Hall-Louden and Rose Trog also participated in the Festival as community volunteers.

This week is "Banned Books" Week, an annual observance by the American Library Association (ALA). The bulletin board display in the APL stairwell was created by Judy Grady, our newest employee. Most book challenges or bans take place in schools. The Library District remains committed to the ALA Library Bill of Rights which states, "Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues."

The Aurora Public Library will be operating on Farmers Fair hours next week, closing at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Staff will be working 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We will be hosting the Farmer's Fair King and Queen candidates again on Wednesday, October 5th. The Aurora Public Library and the Local History Library will be closed on Saturday, October 6th, but the Dillsboro Public Library will be open.

On October 8th, the Library District will be closed to patrons in observance of Columbus Day. However, it is a work day for full-time staff. We will begin the day with a staff meeting, and part-time employees will be paid for that portion of the day if they wish to attend the meeting.

Patrons are continuing to enjoy the Library District's excellent Wi-Fi service. Dean receives daily and monthly reports of the Wi-Fi usage. The August report showed a daily average of 88 distinct clients using the service at our three buildings.

The Dillsboro Public Library will serve as a location for the Dearborn County Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA) annual Sasquatch scavenger hunt. A sasquatch will be zip-tied to one of the porch pillars during the month of October.

Rebecca Wilhelm has been hired as a part-time Library Assistant. She is currently working full-time as a Library Aide at the Moores Hill School. She will be working for the Library District on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturdays.

Old Business

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: We currently have over 35 children registered. Information is being distributed to Head Start and other preschools and day care facilities.

Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection: Work is almost completed in establishing a separate collection containing non-fiction titles for children.

Long Range Library Plan: Invitations have been sent out asking seven community members to participate in the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee will meet once in October and once in November.

New Business

Indiana Library Federation: Dean requested Board permission to attend the annual conference of the Indiana Library Federation. The conference will be held in Indianapolis in November of 2018. A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Manford to approve Dean's attendance at the conference. The motion carried.

2019 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates: Dean requested the Board approve meeting dates for the 2019 calendar year. Proposed dates were presented for meeting the fourth Monday of each month, with exceptions in May and December for holidays. A motion was made by Ryan to accept the proposed dates. The motion was seconded by Svava and the motion carried.

Worker's Compensation Claim: Employee Ashton Richards fell at work on September 11, 2018. A worker's compensation claim has been filed to cover the cost of a doctor's visit and X-ray related to this incident.

Books by the Banks: Greg Edwards from the Books by the Banks Book Festival Committee has invited our Board of Trustees to attend the Banks Author Reception on Friday, October 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mercantile Library in Cincinnati. Reservations must be made by October 12th.

Finances


Claims: A motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Manford to accept the following claims: 001353-001359, 008846-008891 and 506064E-506088E totaling \$72,466.28. These claims are listed on the Check Summary Register and will be filed for audit. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Svava and seconded by Manford to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be at the Aurora Public Library on Monday, October 22nd, 2018.

Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Hall-Louden, acting Secretary
