

Minutes of Aurora Public Library District Board Meeting

September 23, 2024

The APLD Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Aurora Public Library. President Ben Turner called the meeting to order at 6:15. Also in attendance were board members Angela Burkhardt, Jack Sutton, Terri Nicholson, and Jascia Robinson; and Director Sutherlin. Not in attendance were Lydia Morath, Michelle Ryan, and Heather Tackitt.

Burkhardt motioned and Sutton seconded approval of the August minutes. Motion passed. Sutton motioned and Robinson seconded to approve the claims of \$73, 848.76. Motion passed. Sutherlin reported the revenue that month was LIT of \$22, 823.50. Sutherlin shared the requested explanation from Morath from the August meeting. When presenting this month's report, Sutton commented that there were still uncertainties about the totals that are shown on the Banyon report that has historically presented and is shared on the Gateway. Sutherlin agreed to research what reports other boards are sharing to see if a better report is available that provides more clarity. Sutton motioned to approve and Burkhardt seconded to approve the August Treasurer's Report with the comments. Motion passed.

Sutherlin shared her report. Regarding staffing, Sutherlin reported Sky Perry took another position. Dustin Thies, Michael Dodds, and Ethan Jarvis were hired for part-time positions. She is searching for a full-time replacement. Sutherlin shared Building and Technology updates which included RFQ being published in the paper for the Dillsboro project, krM met with Sutherlin and Morath on finishes, and the Kick-off meeting occurred for the Depot project. Sutherlin also attended the Aurora Historical Board regarding the Depot project and she reported it was approved with a couple of qualifiers. Sutherlin reported Library card sign-up plans along with other programs and reported that 180+ people attended the special Bluey and Bingo program. As far as collections, Sutherlin reported the ILL changes and how staff are managing by subscribing to OCLC and using with SHARES.

Though there were no action items in Old Business, there were requests for updates. Sutton asked about the status of public retirement for staff and Sutherlin reported she is waiting to hear back from INPRS for the results of the actuarial survey. Once the numbers are received, Sutherlin will share that with the board so that a resolution can be made to adopt PERF. Robinson asked about the status of the Dillsboro project and when it might shared with the public. Sutherlin shared that information about the project has been shared at public meetings with the Dillsboro Town Council, Aurora City Council, Dearborn County Council, Dearborn County Commissioners, Dillsboro Main Street, Main Street Aurora, and, of course, every library board meeting since October 2023. Sutherlin is still waiting for the budget adoption from the Dearborn County Council to allocate the cash reserves to move forward financially. She is also waiting for the RFQ process to be completed so that more information can be shared on who will be involved with the project and what the timeline might be. An open house will be planned in the future to share the plans before construction begins.


Sutherlin requested the most recent krM invoice be added to the New Business. Sutton motioned to include this and Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed. Sutton motioned to pay the krM invoice and Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented the 2025 meeting dates. Sutherlin presented

the 2025 meeting dates. Burkhardt motioned and Nicholson seconded. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented the 2025 Holidays. Burkhardt motioned and Robinson seconded. Motion passed

Sutherlin reported the next meeting will be at Aurora Public Library District on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:15 pm

Burkhardt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Sutherlin, acting secretary

