

**Minutes of the  
Aurora Public Library District Board meeting  
October 26, 2024**

The board meeting of the Aurora Public Library District was called to order at 6:15 on October 26, 2024, at Aurora Public Library District. In attendance were board members Ben Turner, Angela Burkhardt, Michelle Ryan, Jack Sutton, Heather Tackitt, Terri Nicholson, and Jascia Robinson; director Lydia Morath, business manager Lydia Morath, and guest Laura Priebe from the River Valley Resources.

The minutes of the September 2024 were reviewed and some corrections were noted; Nicholson motioned and Sutton seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed.

Tackitt motioned and Robinson seconded to approve the claims for October totaling \$96,044.32. Motion passed. The revenue reported was LIT of \$22, 823.50. Ryan motioned and Sutton seconded the September 2024 Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Sutherlin reported she had received the Cornelius O'Brien Series matching grant to bring Joe Himali to Aurora, IN; the event will be in May. She also received a note from SDCSC superintendent for the APLD Foundation donation to a 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. She reported Sky Perry had her last day, and Michael Dobbs, Dustin Thies, and Ethan Jarvis are being onboarded as part-time. Sutherlin is still seeking full-time Library Assistant. Bobbie Gates has experienced a work place injury and Lydia Morath has been working with Hastings for workman's compensation support. Full-time staff were trained on the AED and CPR at the October staff meeting. The Depot project is progressing with update meetings every other week. Maxwell has begun work on the Dillsboro project with building scans. Sutherlin reported her meeting schedule for the month, and noted both the conferences from the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach services and the Indiana Landmark's Preservation Conference as very helpful in providing insight on important topics. Sutherlin reported programming for the month and noted the ornament project the staff did for the Farmers' fair parade and will be decorating "Our Heroes Tree" the month of November. Sutherlin reported the Childrens' collection re-arrangement project is underway and she reported that staff have been widely using the OCLC subscription to fill ILL requests.

In old business, Sutherlin reported that the Dillsboro Town Council approved the variance requests regarding parking and nonconforming use. She also shared updated flooring, paint, and surface samples from krM, and she reported that she was able to narrow the option for the bookmobile and will be reaching out to a vendor in Indiana. Sutherlin shared that she and Morath have been exploring what other libraries are providing for Treasurer's reports and will continue to explore ways to provide better reports. Suggestions were made to explore other vendors, like Birdseye. Sutherlin finally received the information from Public Employees Retirement Fund, regarding the financial cost of providing retirement to full-time employees. Sutherlin shared the potential options. Sutton motioned to develop a resolution for PERF Hybrid and Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

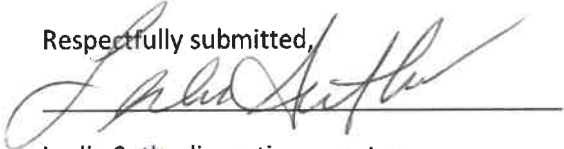
In new business, Sutherlin presented a quote for a HVAC replacement for a unit that just went out. Burkhardt motioned to accept the quote and Ryan seconded. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented the updated bill from krM for design development and Burkhardt motioned and Sutton seconded to pay this bill from the Thelma Laaker fund; motion passed.

Sutherlin presented the 2025 hours for all buildings, which remain the same as 2024. She mentioned some changes may occur when we get Dillsboro and Depot projects completed. Sutton motioned to accept the hours and Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

Ryan reported her term is ending in November and that she has declined taking on another term due to family responsibilities. Sutherlin thanked her for her years of service and said she would reach out to the appointing authority on a replacement.

Public comment was made available but with none, Burkhardt motioned to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Sutherlin, acting secretary

