

Mexico-Audrain County Library District
Minutes for Board of Trustee’s Monthly Meeting
February 15, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Sims at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Connie Hesse, Karen Mossman, Kathleen Robnett, Steve Sims, Sue Waechter, John Walker, and Glenda Williams.

Members arriving later: None

Members absent: Amy Childs and Kay Dubbert

Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner, and Secretary to the Board, Monica Taylor.

Patron concerns: None.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of January bills with a motion by Walker, second by Waechter; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Abstain: President Sims

Approval of January minutes with a motion by Robnett, second by Walker; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Abstain: President Sims

Monthly Reports:

Director’s Report – sent in packet

Statistical Report – sent in packet

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee

Robnett and Walker

Robnett reported that all financial activities are going well.

Property/Equipment/Building Committee

Childs, Dubbert, Waechter

See unfinished business below for Carnegie Tuckpointing and Solar Power Conversion.

Personnel Committee

Hesse, Mossman, Williams

No report.

Unfinished business:

Ransomware – Director Bruner gave an update on the 01/16/2023 ransomware attack. All patron services have been restored. We have changed to Cloud hosting for our data instead of internal computer servers. A police report was filed. The insurance will not cover this particular incident. If the district had allowed patrons to be without service for weeks longer while we shipped our corrupt computer servers off to be restored (as there is no one nearby who can do this work), then insurance would have covered that cost. It was agreed that being without services for a much longer period of time was not an acceptable solution.

Carnegie tuckpointing – Director Bruner would like the Property Committee to look at the building to review the current condition of the tuckpointing. There is no current issue with the building; this is a preventive maintenance project.

Solar power conversion at Mexico and Vandalia – This month we began gathering information from Ameren and solar installer, Missouri Solar Apps. A representative from Missouri Solar Apps came by the Mexico location to assess our needs and we are waiting for them to get back with us. Waechter suggested talking with Mommen’s Heating and Cooling as they have solar panels on their buildings.

There was general discussion that the clay tile roof on the Carnegie Library building may not work well for solar panels. It was also discussed that with all of the structural issues we’ve had with the Vandalia Library, there is a lack of confidence in the roof’s workmanship to be able to handle solar panels.

New business: Director Bruner suggested holding Board meetings at a couple of the branch locations in April and May this year, and at a couple of others in the Fall. That way we would have a chance to visit all of them while the weather is good. It was agreed that this a good plan.

Staff concerns: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. with a motion by Hesse, second by Waechter; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.
Abstain: President Sims

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., March 15th, 2023 at the Martinsburg Library/Community Room.