

Rock Island Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023
5:00 pm
Rock Island Public Library – 2nd Floor, Downtown Library

Type of Meeting: Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Jenni Swanson

Call to Order: President Jenni Swanson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Attendance: Karen Phillips, Debbie Freiburg, Elizabeth Russell, Jo Noon, Pat Mahar, Eudell Watts III, Jacki Nelson, Dr. Yolanda Grandberry Pugh; Lisa Lockheart, Publicity/Outreach Liaison; Malachi Kohlwey, Business Office & Facilities Director; Hector Lareau, City Attorney

Absent: Sam Baugous, RIHS Teen Advisory Member; Angela Campbell, Library Director; Kathy Lelonek, Foundation Director

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Jacki Nelson motioned to approve the meeting minutes of May 16, 2023. Jo Noon seconded. After no further discussion, President Swanson took a recorded vote: 8 ayes – Phillips, Watts III, Grandberry Pugh, Russell, Noon, Mahar, Nelson, Freiburg; 0 nays; motion carried.

Board Education: Facilities Director Kohlwey presented Chapters 7 and 8 of the *Serving Our Public IL Public Library Standards*. Facilities Director Kohlwey asked if the Board had any questions. Karen Phillips asked about the Library's Collection Management and the status of a couple of shelves/genres that have less of a selection than others. Facilities Director Kohlwey and Publicity/Outreach Liaison Lockheart discussed the Library's Collection Development process and advised on the procedures for requesting materials.

Correspondence: The Board thanked the patrons that sent letters and discussed that the positive correspondence shows how well the staff is doing. Additionally, the Board addressed the comment regarding the Pride Month email recommendations.

Committee Reports

Finance – Jenni Swanson

Jenni Swanson motioned to approve monthly bills for May in the amount of \$ 133,458.67. Karen Phillips seconded. Jenni Swanson advised that the Finance Committee is looking for a new Finance Committee chair, which will be discussed later in the meeting. The Board asked questions regarding payments to

the Davenport Public Library and to a couple of local entities from which the Library purchases cultural/museum passes for public use. After no further discussion, President Swanson took a recorded vote: 8 ayes – Phillips, Watts III, Grandberry Pugh, Russell, Noon, Mahar, Nelson, Freiburg; 0 nays; motion carried.

Art & Facilities – Pat Mahar

The Board discussed setting a meeting date and delayed setting the meeting until Director Campbell returns; the topic will be revisited at the July Board meeting.

Personnel & Policy – Debbie Freiburg

No report from this committee.

Planning & Community Relations – Karen Phillips

No report from this committee.

Foundation – Kathy Lelonek

Facilities Director Kohlwey advised that the Food for Thought event at Iconic on June 15, 2023, was well attended! Publicity/Outreach Liaison Lockheart advised that the Foundation is holding a fundraiser that sells a name engraved plate on the auditorium seats at Watts-Midtown for \$300.00 apiece. The next meeting of the Foundation Board will be August 10, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the Downtown Library.

Administrator Reports

Director's Reports & Statistics – Facilities Director Kohlwey discussed the Director's report. Facilities Director Kohlwey advised that the Library's summer reading programs have been very well attended! Stats will be collected and included in the July Board packet. Additionally, Facilities Director Kohlwey added that the Summer Reading Challenge has 239 active readers who have read over 117,588 minutes! Facilities Director Kohlwey asked if the Board had any questions.

Milan Blackhawk Area Public Library District

Facilities Director Kohlwey advised that the next Milan Blackhawk Board meeting is at the Southwest Library on July 27, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

Unfinished Business

1. South Parking Lot – The Board discussed the ongoing process of purchasing the South Parking Lot.

New Business

1. Review the updated Standing Committee List/Appoint the new chair of the Finance Committee. The Board discussed the Standing Committee List and the current chairs of the Boards Committees. After no further discussion, the Board decided that Jenni Swanson would remain the chair of the Finance Committee.

Information Sharing

- Unique Management Reports
- Review updated Board Bylaws
- State of Illinois Press Release – Governor Pritzker signs bill making Illinois first state in the nation to outlaw book bans
 - The Board was pleased to hear that the State of Illinois passed the bill to assist with outlawing book bans in the State of Illinois.

***Closed Session**

- Karen Phillips made a motion to enter into a closed session at 5:25 pm for exception: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Jo Noon seconded. After no further discussion, President Swanson took a recorded vote: 8 ayes – Phillips, Watts III, Grandberry Pugh, Russell, Noon, Mahar, Nelson, Freiburg; 0 nays; motion carried.
- At 6:10 pm, Jacki Nelson made a motion to go into an open session. Jo Noon seconded. After no further discussion, President Swanson took a recorded vote: 8 ayes – Phillips, Watts III, Grandberry Pugh, Russell, Noon, Mahar, Nelson, Freiburg; 0 nays; motion carried.
- No action was taken during the closed session. Action taken following the closed session can be found in the minutes under “Unfinished Business,” point number 1.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment – President Swanson adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 18, at 5:00 pm, on the 2nd Floor of the Downtown Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Malachi Kohlwey, Business Office & Facilities Director