

Rock Island Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 17 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Rock Island Public Library met at 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Public Library, 2nd Floor, Director's Office, with Eudell Watts III, President, presiding.

Present: Jenni Swanson, Deborah Freiburg, Karen Phillips, Pat Mahar, Holly Sparkman, Elizabeth Russell, and Jacki Nelson

Also present were: Angela Campbell, Director; Kellie Kerns, Director Business Office & Facilities; Kathy Lelonek, RIPL Foundation Director; Lisa Lockheart, PR/Outreach Liaison; Larissa Pothoven, High School Student Board Member

Absent: Kevin Koski

Call to Order: Eudell Watts III called the meeting to order.

Public Comment:

Nothing to Report

The Board reviewed the August 20th and September 4th 2019 minutes. There were no corrections. Eudell Watts III advised the minutes stand approved as written.

Board Education - The following was presented to the Board:

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Compliance

OMA – Personnel Exemption Expanded

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Amendment

Equitable Restrooms Act

Correspondence: Was shared with the Board.

Board Member Reports -

Finance:

The Board reviewed and discussed bills from August in the amount of \$46,235.97.

Deborah Freiburg made the motion to approve August bills as presented. Jacki Nelson seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 6 YAYS: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Nelson, Mahar, Russell
0 NAY; 2 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

CY20 Budget updates were shared with the Board.

Jenni Swanson joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds:

Downtown Library utility fencing updates were discussed and shared with the Board.

Southwest Library bush removal updates were discussed and shared with the Board.

Karen Phillips made the motion not to approve replacement of a motor for sliding door operation at 30/31 Library. Deborah Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Swanson, Sparkman, Freiburg, Nelson, Mahar, Russell 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

Elizabeth Russell made the motion not to approve replacement of the water fountains at 30/31 Library. Deborah Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Swanson, Sparkman, Freiburg, Nelson, Mahar, Russell 0 NAY; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee set a meeting for October 8th at 3:30 p.m. to review professional janitorial and security guard services. Recommendations and updates will be provided to the full Board at the October meeting.

Personnel and Policy:
Nothing to Report

Planning and Community Relations:
The Library and Foundation Boards' Fall Social Gathering will be November 14 2019, beginning at 5:30 pm at Huckleberry's.

Art Committee:

The Art Committee set a meeting for October 8th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss a RIPL artwork re-framing project and Foundation Endowment. Recommendations and updates will be provided to the full Board at the October meeting.

Foundation:

Updates regarding the building partnership/feasibility study were provided to the Board. The next Foundation Board meeting will be November 14 2019, 4:00 p.m., at Huckleberry's

Administrator's Report:

Department Updates – Angela Campbell provided the Board with the latest department updates and statistics.

Milan Blackhawk – The final meeting of the year will occur on September 26th in which the annual financial report will be submitted for approval; the next Board meeting will be January 23, 2020.

Unfinished Business:

Long Range Buildings Study & Planning - updates: Angela Campbell provided the Board with updates to the timeline for closing/sale of 30/31 Library; the acquisition of a Mobile Library; the Long Range Building project and potential partnership. Administration will continue to gather information and report at the October meeting.

Library Locations' Hours (discussion and compiled door count) – updates were provided to the Board. Administration is continuing to gather information and will report at the October meeting.

Pat Mahar made the motion to approve changing the date/time of monthly board meetings, to an agreed upon time, beginning January 2020. Jenni Swanson seconded. Discussion ensued. Jenni Swanson and

Pat Mahar withdrew the motion and second, respectively; board meeting date/time will remain as scheduled.

Pat Mahar exited the meeting at 5:40pm.

New Business:

Jacki Nelson made the motion to approve Holidays/Closings for 2020 as presented. Elizabeth Russell seconded. All were in favor.

Nominating Officers were confirmed. 2020 Slate of Officers and the Nominating Report will be discussed at the October meeting.

Holly Sparkman made the motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Library Real Estate by the Corporate Authority (attached Memo to City Council). Karen Phillips seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote 6 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Nelson, Swanson, Russell 0 NAY; 2 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

Information Sharing - The following was presented to the Board:

Policy Checklist – updates

Norma Leah Ovarian Cancer Bodice Display

Watts Trivia Night – Friday, November 1st

City Council Meeting - September 23 @ 6:45p for Resolution Approval

Closed Session:

Nothing to Report

Announcements:

UAW Negotiations will begin; the City HR Director will be present at the October meeting to discuss this topic.

Banned Books Week reading will occur on September 24th.

October meeting agenda items may be light due to the early time frame of the regularly scheduled meeting and availability of data.

Board adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rock Island Library Board of Trustees will be October 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie Kerns

Director - Business Office & Facilities