

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board-President, Nicole Cox called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Nicole Cox, Ron Eggerman, Mike Cockrum, Kathy Cridlebaugh, Dennis Beeson, Tom Johnson, Julie Eagan (5:06) and Dana Moritz (5:03).

Board Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: City Administrator Jason Fraser

Agenda Approval: Approved as presented

Minutes Approval: Approved as presented

Visitors/Public Comment: None

Approval of Bills: Tom Johnson moved to approve the payment of bills, second Dennis Beeson, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports 1) Circulations numbers continue to improve 2) JeNel is now tracking reference assist as it is a popular request of staff 3) There were 225 children that participated in summer reading with over 50% completing the program 4) Staff have been working to deliver library materials to the senior lofts and nursing facilities have staff pick up and these services are being very well received.

Report from the City: City Administrator Jason Fraser reported that additional Covid funding has allowed for a laptop to be purchased for the Director for remote work purposes and bonuses will be paid to the staff in September of the current year and next year.

Report from the Friends: The Friends do not meet during the summer.

Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation: Nothing to report.

Report from Officers: None

Reports from Standing Committees (Executive, Budget and Finance, Governance, Building, Public Relations, Personnel): None

New Business:

1. **Strategic Plan Review:** JeNel discussed the Strategic Plan with the staff to gain insight from them. Items were discussed and JeNel will let board members know what we can do to assist with the update.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Staff requests will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President Nicole Cox.