

Drake Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 5:00pm
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Board Secretary, Michelle Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michelle Moore, Kris Hoffman, Dennis Beeson, Janell Armstrong, Kathy Cridlebaugh and Julie Eagen (enters at 5:04)

Board Members Absent: Nicole Cox, Ron Eggerman and Mike Cockrum,

Library Staff Present: Library Director JeNel Barth

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Approval: Kris Hoffman moved to approve the agenda, second Kathy Cridlebaugh, approved by all.

Minutes Approval: Kris Hoffman moved to approve the January 11, 2023, Regular board meeting, second Dennis Beeson, approved by all.

Visitors/Public Comment: Tom Johnson was present and indicated he was happy to see the Board was thriving, he loves the library and really appreciates how helpful Pam and Julie are when he is searching for through interlibrary loans.

Approval of Bills: Kris Hoffman inquired about the timing of funding from the county. JeNel will look into the information but believes it is at the end of the fiscal year. Kris volunteered to visit the Board of Supervisors and request earlier funding. Kathy Cridlebaugh moved to approve the payment of bills, second Janell Armstrong, approved by all.

Director's Report: Library Director JeNel Barth reports 1) Kristin and Tanya attended a STEM Conference and included a day of Summer Reading Program. They returned with lots of ideas, 2) JeNel attended the ILA Legislative event on Tuesday. Some of the topics they discussed included State Library budget, local control, and book pricing especially regarding digital content, 3) Interlibrary loans funding comes from the State Library of Iowa through state and federal funds.

Report from the City: Jason is working on the personnel Policy.

Report from the Friends: Pie Day is Tuesday, March 14 beginning at 11am. Imagination Library continues to add participants monthly.

Report for the Drake Public Library Foundation: No report

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

Old Business: Personnel Policies Review: Kris Hoffman moved to approve the Personnel Policy as presented with changes, second Julie Eagen, approved by all.

New Business: FY24 Budget: Kris Hoffman moved to approve the FY24 Budget to present to the City Council, second Janell Armstrong, approved by all.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Kris Hoffman will report after he visits County Board of Supervisors in future.

Upcoming Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Secretary Michelle Moore.