

Board Minutes

October 17, 2023

Present: Lenger, Joyce, Waggoner, Coenen, Burk, Reuter, Schneider

Not Present: Smith

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Lenger, seconded by Joyce. All aye.

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting. Moved by Joyce, second by Coenen. All aye.

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable:

Gale databases were renewed. Staff mileage reimbursements were processed, including mileage for one volunteer.

Motion to accept by Lenger, seconded by Joyce. All aye.

Account Balance:

49% of expected County funds have been received for the year. September included 3 pay periods, resulting in higher monthly expenses than usual. Relabeling projects continue to drive spending in office supplies.

Motion to accept by Waggoner, seconded by Schneider. All aye.

Director's Report:

Branding transition is underway: the van is currently being rewrapped and will be ready for the Asbury Halloween parade, staff have new nametags and business cards, and the draft website is up and being finalized. A trend of material theft at Asbury has prompted temporary changes to how new DVDs are shelved. Our Holy Cross clerk resigned and applications are open for a replacement. Interviews are ongoing for the new programming librarian. The mayor of Bernard made initial inquiries about joining the Agency. Programs this month focus on costumes and cosplay. Programming supply storage has been thoroughly cleaned. The library is participating in the Asbury Halloween parade and multiple trunk-or-treats. The Friends puzzle fundraiser is coming up; Comic World gave us a discount on purchasing puzzles. Lydia attended Asbury City Expo.

Report of Committees:

Library Agency: Did not meet.

JLAC: Did not meet. Agreements have been signed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Discussion:

FY25 Budget Priorities & Bookmobile: Discussion was held around FY25 budget priorities in advance of an official budget recommendation from the Finance Committee. Discussion was held around the long-term plan to purchase a bookmobile.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 5:30 PM at Peosta Branch.