

Columbia Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9, 2023

The May meeting of the Columbia Public Library was called to order by President Dan Brutton at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance included Dan Brutton, Chris Trowbridge, Diane Stechmesser, Barry Krizan, Rodney Schreckenberg, David Jackson, Cindy Waldemer, and Kathleen Endraske.

1. Approval of Minutes: Diane Stechmesser made a motion to approve minutes. Cindy Waldemer seconded. Motion passed.
2. Public Comment: No requests were made to address the Board.
3. Treasurer's Report: Rodney Schreckenberg reviewed the report. David Jackson made a motion to approve the report. Kathleen Endraske seconded. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Current Bills: Rodney Schreckenberg made motion to approve the current bills. Diane Stechmesser seconded. Motion passed.
5. New Business:

Non-Resident Library Card Fee: Public library boards have the authority to extend the use of the library to non-residents for an annual fee. The fee must be at least equal to the cost paid by the residents of Columbia. Real estate taxes collected for the Library Fund and The Library Building Fund were used to calculate the FY 2024 rate of \$112. Barry Krizan made the motion to approve this rate. David Jackson seconded. Motion passed.

FOIA Officer and OMA Designee: Chris made the motion to designate Annette Bland as the FOIA Officer and retain Kathleen Endraske as the OMA Designee. Diane Stechmesser seconded. Motion passed.

Overdue Material Policy: Tabled until the next meeting.

Patron Privacy Policy: Tabled until the next meeting.

Book Bans: Illinois is set to become the first state to penalize public libraries that ban books. Illinois libraries that receive State grants will need to establish an anti-censorship policy and have it in place before House Bill 2789 takes effect on January 1, 2024. Illinois Heartland Library System believes this legislation will help members stand firm in the face of pressure without affecting librarian's authority to select and weed the library's collection.

Midwest Pano: This new partner provides a platform to visit our libraries virtually. Annette Bland will have a virtual tour to share at the June meeting.

Christmas Bonus: Friends of the Library agreed to help by giving staff a gift. This will take place each year in April for National Library Week.

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Raises: As discussed last month, all part-time staff received a \$1.50 per hour raise. One full-time staff member hasn't had a significant raise in six years. Annette Bland discussed this with President Dan Brutton and it was decided to also give that staff member a \$1.50 per hour raise.

Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR): Annette Bland is working on the IPLAR that is due at the end of June.

New Hire: Kendra Nowak gave her notice on April 26 and Annette Bland is reviewing applications for her replacement.

Condolences: Pam Steppig's dad recently passed away. Enda Dell Weinel also recently passed away. She was a longtime supporter of the Library and will be fondly remembered.

Telescope Training: Staff were trained on the new telescope and it will be available for check out soon. Annette Bland will have a booth at upcoming Farmers Markets to publicize this new offering.

Senior Tea Event: Annette Bland and Cindy Waldemer helped with the annual Senior Tea event for Columbia high school seniors sponsored by the Columbia Women's Club and C.R.O.W.N.

6. Adjournment: Chris Trowbridge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Stechmesser seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Annual Meeting – The annual Memorial Endowment Meeting was called to order at 7:35. Barry Krizan made the motion to retain the current officers. Cindy Waldemer seconded. The motion passed. Rodney Schreckenber reviewed our investment strategy. Brary Krizan made the motion to suspend the meeting. Rodney Schreckenber seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was suspended at 7:40 p.m.