

Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Argyle Community Building

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Johnson at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Board members in attendance: Village representative Delton Fransen, Interim Library Director Michelle Harrigan, Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, and Lynn Rossing. Also in attendance: McCoy Public Library Director Jennifer Detra and Friends of the Argyle Public Library board member Vicki Tollakson.

3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

Rossing moved to adopt the agenda. Hodgson seconded. All in favor.

4. Approval of June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The June 17 minutes were approved at the June 20 meeting. Hodgson moved to approve the June 20, 2024 minutes. Johnson seconded. All in favor.

5. Public Communications

Jennifer Detra presented a letter to the Board rescinding her acceptance of the position of Argyle Public Library Director/Argyle Economic Development Director. Board members expressed understanding and wished her well with continuing her position as Director of the McCoy Public Library.

6. Friends of the Argyle Public Library Report

Tollakson reported that the Friends approved Match Funding in support of the Flexible Facilities Grant application. They are planning another ice cream social in conjunction with the Community Concert in August.

7. Village Communication Report

Fransen reported that the Village approved Match Funding for the Flexible Facilities Grant application.

8. Finances

- a. The bills were reviewed. Hodgson moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Fransen seconded. All in favor.
- b. Overview of expenses/budget year-to-date. The budget was discussed.
- c. Grants awarded. Harrigan reported that the ALA grant is almost complete, just waiting for some books and furniture to be delivered. There are two other small grants to apply for. Hodgson reported attending a recent Green County Finance

Committee meeting and requesting a grant for recent expenses related to planning a new Argyle library facility, resulting in an award of \$2705.

9. Library Updates

a. Programming.

i. Programs since the last meeting. Harrigan reported that the monthly program newsletters are being done jointly with the Blanchardville Public Library and that the passports for the Summer Reading Program are popular.

ii. Upcoming programs this month. Harrigan presented the slate of programs scheduled for August that include a movie night and storywalk.

Note: Fransen needed to leave the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

10. Subject Matter of Issues to Be Considered by the Board

a. New Library Director. To be discussed in closed session.

b. Interim Director Questions. With no new Director identified, this topic is on hold.

c. New Library. Rossing reported that the Flexible Facilities Program grant application was submitted to the State of Wisconsin on July 8, 2024.

11. Convene to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of the library staff under the jurisdiction of the Library Board

Motion to convene in closed session made by Hodgson. Johnson seconded. All in favor. Board convened for a closed session at 6:50 p.m.

12. Reconvene to open session

Motion to reconvene to open session made by Rossing. Johnson seconded. All in favor. Board reconvened to open session at 7:09 p.m.

13. Action on closed session discussion

Hodgson volunteered to initiate conversations with the Southwest Library System and others to determine the best path forward for hiring a new Director.

14. Adjournment

Hodgson moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, August 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined.