

**Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Argyle Community Building

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Johnson at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Board members: Delton Fransen, Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Lynn Rossing, Daniele Zywicki. Pecatonica Valley Leader Editor Kayla Barnes was present briefly to take a group photo.

3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

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

4. Approval of 10/21/24 Board Meeting Minutes

Rossing moved to approve the October 21, 2024 minutes. Hodgson seconded. All in favor.

5. Public Communications None.

6. Friends of the Argyle Public Library Report None.

7. Village Communication Report None.

8. Finances

- a. Approval of monthly expenditures. The purchase of new books was approved via email, and the books have been ordered. Other expenditures will be reviewed next month.
- b. Budget. The budget was not available in time for this meeting. This item is tabled until next month. The APL received a \$2400 grant from the Community Foundation of Southwestern Wisconsin Argyle Fund. Hodgson is looking for the best ways to apply these funds for library materials and programming and will meet with Michelle Harrigan to plan programming for the coming year.

9. Library Updates

- a. Programming. Hodgson attended a conference and shared with the board some of the information she gathered there. Rossing reported that the Library website needs updating, and Hodgson will talk to Gwen Bisbee to see if she is available for this.
- b. Staff update. Evelyn Ostby started as an employee on 10/31/24.

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

- a. Hiring. The Board received no applications for the Library Director position; the application due date was November 8th. Strategies for finding a Director were discussed.
- b. New Library Building. No discussion.

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. Hodgson moved to convene a closed session. Zywicki seconded. All in favor.

12. Reconvene to open session At 6:47pm Hodgson moved to return to open session. Fransen seconded. All in favor.

13. Action on closed session discussion Hodgson and Johnson offered to reach out to people they know who might be interested in either the Library Director position or in serving as board members. All other board members will be working on this, as well.

14. Adjournment

Fransen moved to adjourn. Zywicki seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined.