

Meeting Minutes of the Argyle Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Community Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Johnson at 6:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members in attendance: Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Library Director Sarah Kyrie, Lynn Rossing. Also in attendance: Friends of the Argyle Public Library ("Friends") Vice President Peg Rasch.

3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

Rossing moved to approve the proposed agenda. Hodgson seconded. All in favor.

4. Approval of February 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Hodgson moved to approve the February 20 meeting minutes. Rossing seconded. All in favor.

5. Public Communications

None.

6. Friends Report

Peg Rasch reported. The Friends held a successful staff appreciation event on Sunday February 26th. The first Annual Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00pm at the EMS Building. The Annual Book Sale will be in June, and Friends members will have the opportunity to shop early. Peg expressed the Friends' support for the Library board and its plans for a new 3000-4000 square foot space for the Library, particularly important to keep in mind as other municipal agencies become involved in the project.

7. Village Communication Report

No Village representative attended this meeting.

Director Kyrie reported that she attended the last Village board meeting, and Delta 3 Project Manager Joe Bailie from Platteville was there, unbeknownst to the Library board or Building Committee. Bailie discussed his company's ideas for a new Library, Fire Department, and EMS project in Argyle.

The new building project was discussed. Hodgson has received a new bid from FEH Design. She is reaching out to Fire Chief Dave Soper to schedule a meeting for representatives of the Argyle and Adams Townships, Village of Argyle, Library, Fire Department, and Argyle EMS.

8. Finances/Approval of Bills

- a. The bills were reviewed. Rossing moved to approve the bills. Hodgson seconded. All in favor.
- b. Kyrie reported that the new copier is working well.

- c. Grants. Director Kyrie is looking at ways to use the recently awarded Community Foundation funds for improving the Library entrance. A cement contractor has been engaged. Kyrie is getting bids for new outdoor signage.

9. Library Updates

- a. Argyle Librarian Jennifer Detra has resigned to take a job as Director of the McCoy Public Library in Shullsburg. Director Kyrie and Blanchardville Public Library Director Stuart Bisbee are working together to find a replacement for her at both libraries.
- b. Programming. James Hibbard, UW-Platteville archivist, gave a presentation on Pleasant Ridge, Wisconsin on March 15 that was well attended. Upcoming programs include Author Talk: Peggy Marxen April 6th at 1:00pm, Indian Mounds of Wisconsin Wednesday, April 12th at 4:00pm, and Who Are the Amish? Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00pm.
- c. Lafayette County Library Planning Commission. The Commission's meeting has been changed to March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Director Kyrie requested that all those interested in showing support for County libraries attend this important meeting.

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

- a. New Library. Discussion was held earlier in the meeting - see #7 above.
- b. Subcommittee schedule. Hodgson moved to table this discussion until next month. Rossing seconded. All in favor.
- c. The next policy for the board to review and update will be Evaluating the Director.
- d. Also to discuss next month: board members' terms of service.

11. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined.