

## Argyle Public Library Board of Directors Minutes

Monday, August 21, 2023

6pm.

1. Call to order by President Martin at 6:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Members – In attendance: Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Sarah Kyrie, Library Dir., Jessica Martin, Pres. Also in attendance: Village Board member Kim Haynes and Friends of the Argyle Public Library Board President Garry Rossing.
3. Adoption/Amendment of Agenda was moved to approve by Monica H., Seconded by Bill J. Carried.
4. Approval of previous minutes of July 18, 2023 was moved to approve by Bill J., seconded by Jessica M. Carried.
5. Public Communications – None
6. Friends Report\_Garry Rossing reported the Friends once again hosted coffee, book sale, and a place for people to sit and visit during the Farmers Market. These events help to have public recognition of The Friends existence and invitation for all to join the membership of The Friends group.  
The Ice Cream Social in conjunction with the Argyle Community Bank Concert at the school on July 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended.  
New chairs will be purchased to be used in the Village Board room. These will move with the library if/when we acquire a new space.
7. Village Communications – no report.
8. The bills were reviewed and Monica moved to approve, Jessica seconded. Carried.
  - a. Community Foundation Grant 2023 “Enhancement of Library Entrance”. The Library must use all \$2,500 grant by Oct. 1, 2023. (Donated work and donations have helped the project to come under budget.) Due to this great dilemma, Sarah K., Library Dir. Reached out to Nana Showalter, artist of Blanchardville, WI for entrance ideas to utilize the remainder of the 2023 grant. She has created a picture of a piece and it is to be quoted for no more than \$2,500. (See attached). Monica brought a photo book of like items made by Mike/Nancy Erzen, Argyle, WI. He is a member of American Legion, Post 251, who has supported the Argyle Public Library. We may pursue another future project and inquire of them for a piece of art for the library.
  - b. It was voiced that we will pursue a 2024 Community Foundation Grant once again. This request will be for purchase of new chairs to be used in the Village Board Room. (Argyle Public Library & Friends of the Argyle Public Library will submit a request for this purchase).
9. The County Budgeting for libraries have not changed for many years. LCLPC projects a 1% increase annually for the next 20 years. Sarah was directed to dialogue with the Lafayette County librarians and Bob Bose, budget director to shorten the length of the term and increase the % of dollar increase. Salary increases and book costs increase faster than 1% annually. Upon the decision of this, salaries and PTO will then be discussed for Argyle Public Library employees.
10. Library Updates were given by Dir., Sarah K.
  - a. Past Programs: Mark Sturnick – River Life at the Pecatonica River, many attended.
  - b. Literary Day with authors
  - c. Mark Flannery and Yetti, his dog, special interest to children.
  - d. Upcoming Programs: Arronia berries, Mark and Yetti

11. New Library discussion was given by Monica. FEH and a core group of 8 will meet Wednesday, Aug. 23 in the Village Board room. Christy Monk, Architect and FEH President Kevin will begin a partnership with Argyle Public Library Building Committee upon signing a contract specifying 3 sites, goals and concerns to create a new library space. Core Group includes Garry Rossing, Monica Hodgson, Bill Johnson, Jessica Martin, Peg Raasch, Kody Bartels, Sarah Kyrie, Christy Monk.
12. Evaluating the Director policy will be reviewed at a future date.
13. Closed Session – None
14. Adjournment – Jessica Moved to adjourn, Bill seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Hodgson  
(in the absence of Sec. Lynn Rossing)