

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2025
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Vern Jorck, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Susan Finke Scott, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services; Dakota Hall, Teen Programming Librarian; Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Laura Hack

Announcements

Wilkerson moved and Jorck seconded Motion to appoint Doup-Pandit as Secretary Pro Tem. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 17th Board meeting were reviewed. Frazier moved and Wilkerson seconded approval of the minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 156 through 223 were reviewed. Hatton made note of some claims. Jorck moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay claims as presented for a total of \$163,813.81. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Name for New Branch on the Eastside. Hatton gave a brief history of the Eastside Community Center also known as the America and Roby Anderson Community Center. Discussion held regarding the mission of the new branch and how that should be connected to the name. Possibility of a community survey was brought up. Hatton will come back to the Board with some next steps. No action taken.

Reports

A. Dakota Hall, Teen Programming Librarian gave an update on activities within the Teen Department. The teens love the new furniture. Popular programs include Dungeons and Dragons, craft programs, and movies. There is daily afterschool programming. Book boxes are very popular.

B. Hatton gave his Director’s report. There is continued uncertainty regarding the state budget and property tax reform moving through the Indiana legislature. He stated that the facilities plan discussed at the last meeting would be paused pending the outcome of those discussions. The Council for Youth Development is now leasing three offices at The LEX. He reminded the Board about the upcoming restrictions on services due to the switchover to the new ILS, Polaris.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

Audience member stated that the Friends of BCPL fundraiser, Library After Dark, was excellent. Almost 80 tickets were sold, and he is looking forward to next year.

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Attested:

Dawn Doup-Pandit, Secretary Pro-Tem

Gary Gron, President