

**Carmel Clay Public Library  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 24, 2025**

**Board Room  
5:30 p.m.**

Present: President Ranj Puthran, Vice President Stephanie Kim, Treasurer Ije Dike-Young, Secretary Casey Wilson; Members Rosie Foulke, Anne Poindexter, John Williams (via Zoom), Xiao Ou Yuan; Director Bob Swanay; Assistant Director Beth Meyer; Managers Lisa Dick, Sara O'Sha; Foundation Director Elizabeth Hamilton

Guests: Ann O'Hara, Kari Woodard, Megan Xier, Charlotte Mose

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

President R. Puthran called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. All in attendance were welcomed.

**AGENDA**

A. Poindexter moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by X. Yuan, and the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda included Minutes from the January 27, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting and Claims and Warrants.

A. Poindexter moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by X. Yuan, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

B. Swanay said Teen Library Council members were in attendance. In the future, they will provide an update at the board meetings.

A. Poindexter moved to receive the Director's Report, seconded by C. Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously.

L. Hamilton stated Hamilton County is one of the last counties in the state that is not participating in Imagination Library because of lack of coordination. Both B. Swanay and Debbie Barr, Circulation Manager, have worked in libraries that participate in the Imagination Library. The state had been funding 50 percent of the Dolly Parton program; however, it was announced this year that they would be pulling that funding. The governor, however, gave the task of funding to his wife, but it is unclear at this time how this will work. Without the 50 percent match, it will be hard to get the program off the ground. L. Hamilton said this program is critical for our county. L. Hamilton received a grant from CenterPoint for \$75,000, and she has a meeting with Duke Energy. L. Hamilton said the county is considering funding the program. There will be a county meeting next week regarding the funding. Every child from birth to five years old would receive a book every month. B. Swanay said they have had meetings with hospital officials to try to gain funding.

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L. Hamilton offered books to board members from a previous author event. She said there will be six additional author events in the month of March.

**TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT**

There were no reports.

**STAFF REPORTS**

There were no staff reports.

**TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL REPORT**

Megan Xier and Charlotte Mose provided an overview of what is done at Teen Library Council meetings including writing thank you cards to donors, writing book reviews and Choice Pick nominations, creating decorations for a Dreamscape session, and having Choice Picks discussions. Charlotte Mose stated in February they had the Dreamscape event with 67 teens in attendance. More details about the event will be shared next month in the board report. Also, at the meeting they brainstormed ideas for Nerdfest.

**RENOVATION UPDATE**

B. Swanay stated there had been a Buildings and Ground meeting prior to the board meeting. The last remaining issue is getting hot water to the Youth Services area. A couple of options were presented. The first option was to install a pump at the middle of the building that would reinforce the water loop. The second option was to have instant hot water heaters on site wherever needed. We are holding the final payment to Skillman until the project is completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Appointments: B. Swanay stated that two board members will complete their first terms this year: A. Poindexter and X. Yuan. B. Swanay stated that he could send a letter of recommendation to the City Council recommending they both be reappointed. It was agreed that both A. Poindexter and X. Yuan be recommended for reappointment to the City Council.

**ADJOURN**

R. Puthran adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Casey Wilson, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

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