

**Carmel Clay Public Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
May 19, 2025**

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

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

Guests: Ann O'Hara, Kari Woodard, Zach Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

President R. Puthran called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. All in attendance were welcomed.

AGENDA

C. Wilson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by X. Yuan, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included Minutes from April 28, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting and Claims and Warrants.

J. Williams moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by C. Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. Swanay said he got an update from Henry Mestetsky from the Carmel Redevelopment Commission that the roundabout art going in at the corner of Richland and Main is almost complete. In addition to the sculpture rendering of books swirling in the air, there will also be interior lighting. The installation should take place by the end of the month and be completed by the end of June. There will be some kind of celebration of the piece after it is installed.

B. Swanay stated that we received notification of a lawsuit in which B. Meyer and the Carmel Clay Public Library are named. On March 18th, a patron misbehaved multiple times in the computer area using foul and abusive language, threatening behavior, and threatening language. A report was filed. Then on the following day, he came into the library again. He was given a letter stating he had a six-month suspension from the library, and he was advised he needed to have a meeting with B. Swanay. The police were present when B. Meyer gave him the letter. The interaction was recorded on video. The patron is suing the library for a violation of his civil rights. B. Swanay has spoken with Ann O'Hara and will be speaking with the insurance company. There was further discussion regarding the lawsuit.

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

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TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT

There were no reports.

STAFF REPORTS

Young Adult Services Librarian Zach Reynolds provided a summary of the Nerdfest event stating that it was the largest program the library has had. Zach Reynolds showed a PowerPoint presentation of some of the statistics of the program as well as some pictures. The total attendance this year was 3,368.

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL REPORT

There were no reports.

RENOVATION UPDATE

B. Swanay stated there is now hot water on the other side of the building due to installing a water pump. That was the last item for Skillman to do to complete the renovation. We are focusing on some general building improvements to the main library and some significant improvements to the branch that should be completed by the end of the year.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

J. Williams and R. Foulke are on the Strategic Planning Committee. In a kick-off meeting for the group, a community survey was discussed. Individuals are being identified with whom the planning facilitator can do one-on-one interviews. In addition, there will be some stakeholder discussions. The facilitator will attend the next board meeting on June 23rd to lead the board through a planning session. We are hoping to schedule other stakeholder sessions on June 23rd and June 24th. We are hoping to partner with OneZone to have a business community stakeholder session on one of those dates. L. Hamilton is working with the Carmel Clay Schools Foundation to schedule a planning session with some school officials. Also, B. Meyer interviewed some Teen Library Council members to gather their input, which is included in the Director's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: B. Swanay said the committee recommends no officer changes this year. R. Puthran will be president; S. Kim will be vice-president; I. Dike-Young will be treasurer; and C. Wilson will be secretary. B. Swanay stated R. Foulke was added to the Personnel and Policy Committee. After reviewing the bylaws, B. Swanay said we do not need a Nominating Committee because the bylaws spell out what we should do. It is supposed to be the president and the past two presidents. This year we do not have any past presidents on the board.

J. Williams moved to approve the recommended slate of officers and committee members, seconded by C. Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Policy Updates: B. Swanay stated this is an assortment of policy tweaks. The proposed policy updates are included in the board packet.

X. Yuan moved to approve the policy updates, seconded by J. Williams, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

R. Puthran adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Casey Wilson, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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