

Bettendorf Public Library
 Information Center
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 Thursday, April 14 2022
 5:00 P.M.
 Bettendorf Room, Bettendorf Public Library



Agenda Item	Responsibility	Action	Result
1. Roll Call	Covella		<p>Present: Kathy Brandtner, Cindy Lewis, Doug Lindstrom, Darrin Lindquist, David Pratt Absent: John Rabine, Archana Wagle Others present: Jillian Aschliman, Hayleigh Covella, Heather Gibbs, Karly Lyle, Kathleen Richlen</p> <p>Brandtner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>
2. Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Agenda: April 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Meeting Minutes: March 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Payment of Library Invoices: April 2022	Brandtner	Approve	Motion by Lewis, second by Lindquist to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Public Forum -Limit of 3 minutes per person -Refer to "Guidelines for Public Input at Library Board of Trustee Meetings" for further instruction	Brandtner		None.
4. Correspondence	Aschliman		The Library received two thank you notes for John Gillette. The trustees received a thank you note from staff for the Library Worker's Day lunch on April 5.
5. Director's Report Division Updates Friends Update Foundation Update	Aschliman Division Heads Odell/Lyle Sarver/Pratt	Updates in written report	<p>Aschliman reported that written reports from Division Heads have been submitted.</p> <p>Aschliman reported that the library has been conducting a three month foot traffic study to see the impact of COVID on the building. Preliminarily, they have found that the door count between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. slows</p>

			<p>down significantly compared to traffic in the earlier hours. If that trend continues, the Board may want to consider adjusting the library's hours in the fall. They are tracking traffic through June.</p> <p>The library is closed April 20th for staff in-service.</p> <p>The Friends had a successful book sale and made over \$9,000 in sales and additional funds through memberships. All proceeds benefit library programs and the facility.</p> <p>The Library coordinator has submitted SCRA and SRA grant requests to update the technology in the meeting room spaces on the second floor to better support virtual meetings, trainings, and programs.</p>
6. Policies/Contracts	Aschliman		None.
7. Governance: Request for Materials Reconsideration	Aschliman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-open for public comment (limit of 3 minutes per person) • Board to Review Reconsideration for Materials form, Collection Development Policy, vote 	<p>Brandtner declared the floor open for public comment. She noted that if comments steer away from the agenda item being considered, the commenter will be asked to stay on topic or yield the floor.</p> <p>Karin Shaw spoke in opposition to <i>The Big Bath House</i>. She noted that she was the one who brought the book to the library's attention. She is concerned that <i>The Big Bath House</i> shows full female nudity.</p> <p>Matt Shaw spoke in opposition of books on display at the library. He was asked to stay on the topic of <i>The Big Bath House</i> or yield the floor. He noted that the library has the responsibility and the authority to stop inappropriate books from coming in the door. Mr. Shaw was told that his three minutes were up.</p> <p>Lira Van Landitt spoke in favor of <i>The Big Bath House</i>. She noted that there are meanings in the book that she</p>

			<p>would like her children to see and that the text recognizes that all bodies are beautiful.</p> <p>Nate Pierce agreed with Ms. Shaw's comments. He is uncomfortable with <i>The Big Bath House</i> being in front of the children in the community.</p> <p>Carrie Forrester spoke against <i>The Big Bath House</i>. She expressed concern that pornography can be found in the children's section of the library and that this bypasses parental consent.</p> <p>Brandtner called for additional public comments. There were none. Brandtner closed the floor for public comments.</p> <p>Aschliman thanked everyone in attendance for participating in the discussion. She noted that the library's role is a vessel to provide information to the community. It is not to determine what is and is not appropriate for the community. They trust library patrons to determine what is and is not suitable for them and their families. The Collection Development Policy reflects this. Aschliman recommends keeping the book in the library because to deny people the opportunity to read it goes against the library's mission to provide access to information for all.</p> <p>Lewis asked for more information about the timeline. Aschliman shared that she originally received a message from Ms. Shaw on March 10 explaining her concerns over <i>The Big Bath House</i>. Aschliman responded within four business days. They agreed to disagree on Aschliman's determination to keep the book, so Aschliman offered her the next step, which was to fill out a Materials Reconsideration Request and bring it to the Library Board.</p>
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			<p>a difficult decision for him. Pratt agreed that it is a very difficult decision.</p> <p>Lewis feels strongly that parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children. She thinks it's very dangerous for a parent to make decisions about library resources in terms of decisions for someone else's child. She does not think it's right for one family to make that judgment for another. Parents have every right to keep a book closed for their child.</p> <p>Brandtner thanked everyone for coming and noted that a book challenge does go against everything a library is for.</p> <p>Motion to keep <i>The Big Bath House</i> in the Bettendorf Public Library collection by Lewis, second by Lindquist. Roll call: Brandtner – Aye Lewis – Aye Lindquist – Aye Lindstrom – Aye Pratt – Aye Rabine – Absent Wagle – Absent Motion carries.</p> <p>Lindquist requested that the placement of the book in the library be placed on next month's agenda.</p>
8. Community City Relations	Lindstrom		None.
9. Employee Appreciation	Wagle/Lewis	Library Worker's Day Lunch	Lewis noted that the trustees appreciate the library employees and that the trustees hosted a luncheon and brought in homemade desserts.
10. Director Annual Review	Aschliman	Closed session	Brandtner stated that the Library Board may go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i), "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being

			<p>considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and when that individual requests a closed session." Brandtner asked Aschliman if she would like the Board to perform her evaluation in executive session. Aschliman said yes.</p> <p>Motion to enter into closed session by Pratt, second by Lewis. Motion carried.</p> <p>The Library Board of Trustees entered into closed session at 5:38 p.m. Aschliman and Covella left the meeting.</p> <p>The Library Board of Trustees entered into open session at 6:15 p.m. Aschliman and Covella rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>Motion to go into open session by Lindquist, second by Pratt. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion to increase the Library Director's base salary by 3.5% as of 3/29/22 by Lewis. Second by Pratt. Motion carries.</p>
<p>Next Meeting – May 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Brandtner</p>		<p>Motion to adjourn by Lindquist, second by Lindstrom. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.</p>