

**Augusta Memorial Public Library Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023, 5:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm by Bunny Turner

Present: Rebecca White Body, Bunny Turner, Brenda Pettis, Polina Kudelina, Barb Johnson

Also present: Leslie LaRose,

Absent: Carrie Amo, Bruce Stabenow

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Polina, seconded by Barb

Minutes from Jan. 16, 2023 Approved: Motion made by Bunny, seconded by Barb

Financial Report:

1. The Board looked at last month's numbers since the current month is still being updated.

Director's Report:

1. More children are attending Storytime and other library programs now.
2. Leslie is closer to getting the bathroom floors refinished. This will probably be done when the Library is closed for Easter.
3. There was only one team for the candy sushi program, so it was canceled and will be rescheduled for April or May.
4. Samma will do an author talk during National Library Week.

Friends of the Library report

1. No Friends report this month

Annual Report

1. The Board reviewed the Library's Annual Report, including Year at a Glance, SWOT Analysis, Operating Expenditures, Programming, and the Brag Page. Takeaways include:
  - a. Computer use is down but lots of people are using the Library's WiFi.
  - b. Patron traffic is still down from pre-pandemic levels.
  - c. Many new patrons are visiting the Library.
  - d. Circulation is about half of 2019 levels; almost half of circulation was children's materials.
  - e. The Library loaned out more materials to other libraries than it received.
  - f. This is our last year paying the Eau Claire County Library Allocation.
  - g. The Michael Perry program had been postponed due to COVID, but it was very popular when it was finally able to take place.
  - h. Kids really like the Vox books purchased through a memorial donation.

Board training

1. Leslie is looking at options for future trustee trainings.

Director Evaluation

1. The evaluation had been postponed to allow Amanda more time to settle into the job, but staff will complete evaluations in April.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body