

Augusta Memorial Public Library Meeting Minutes
Monday June 19, 2023, 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Bunny Turner

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

Also present: Leslie LaRose,

Absent: Bruce Stabenow, Barb Johnson, Carrie Amo

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Bunny, seconded by Polina

Minutes from May 15, 2023 Approved: Motion made by Brenda, seconded by Polina

Financial Report:

1. There are a few minor discrepancies between the Library's report and the City's in the Supplies and Operations budget because of the way the City handles credit card transactions. The Library's report is accurate.
2. The financials are on track for this time of year.

Director's Report:

1. The Library is aiming to post 4000 stickers representing books read for its Summer Reading Challenge. Board members are invited to participate by recording the titles of the books they read over the summer.
2. The Book Sale will be Friday, June 30, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 1, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Main Street gym. The Library is in charge of finding vendors to help fill the space.
3. There will be a recognition and Open House to thank Sola Forma and XCel Energy for their roles in installing the solar bench. It will take place on Aug. 9 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and Board members are encouraged to attend.
4. The Friends of the Library agreed to donate more than \$3500 for performers, prizes, etc. to support Library programming. This amount doesn't include their donations of time or refreshments. The Board sincerely thanks them for their contributions.
5. The Annual Report was released.

Friends of the Library report

1. No Friends report this month
2. 10 people had expressed interest in joining the Friends, but only one showed up at their meeting. It's hoped that many missed the meeting due to conflicts and will attend the next one.

New business

1. Leslie suggested that the Library look at other banks for more favorable terms on CDs. The account currently has \$14,706.43, which could be generating interest. The Board directs Brenda to explore options at other banks. The motion was made by Bunny, seconded by Polina, and all approved.

2. Leslie shared a report comparing Augusta's data with that of similar libraries. Data points included hours of service, square footage, circulation, etc. Overall, Augusta's Library is well in line with the other libraries.
3. Bunny suggested that the Library thank Jane Walsh for all the time and effort she puts into decorating the Library for the Summer Reading Program. The Board approved \$200 in gift cards for Jane to a gas station and craft store on a motion that was made by Bunny and seconded by Polina.
4. The Board discussed ways it could support a recently bereaved employee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body