

**Augusta Memorial Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, Sep. 19, 2023, 5:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Polina Kudelina

Present: Rebecca White Body, Brenda Pettis, Polina Kudelina, Barb Johnson, Bruce Stabenow, Carrie Amo

Also present: Leslie LaRose, Amanda Gerike, John Thompson (IFLS Library System Director)

Absent: Bunny Turner

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Polina, seconded by Bruce

Minutes from August 21, 2023 Approved: Motion made by Brenda, seconded by Bruce

Financial Report:

1. There are a few minor discrepancies between the Library's report and the City's because of the way the City handles credit card transactions. They should be resolved when Cindy returns from vacation and processes transactions. The Library's report is accurate.
2. The financials are on track for this time of year.
3. Brenda motioned to approve the report, Bruce seconded, all approved.

Director's Report:

1. Leslie attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 12, and was told that any talk of moving the Library to the Senior Center was only a rumor, not an actionable proposal.
2. Library youth programming is being well attended.
3. Funds donated as memorials have been used for various purposes, including purchasing box books and a canvas to display Dave Steele's poem.
4. The Board acknowledged this report.

Friends of the Library report

1. No Friends report this month.

New business

1. Facility and Space Needs Report
  - a. John Thompson discussed the report he prepared as the result of his walk-through of the Library. He concluded that the Library actually needs more space than its current square footage in order to accommodate expectations that modern libraries offer tables, chairs, and meeting spaces. Since many patrons don't have Internet access at home, libraries need to provide secluded areas where they can access the Internet for health care, job searches, and other personal purposes.
  - b. While moving to a larger space isn't viable for the foreseeable future, this report will be a resource should the City make a serious proposal to move the Library to a smaller space.

## Budget

1. There have been no changes to the budget since the previous meeting because information on the variable budget items isn't yet available. The Library will definitely need to replace its aging copier, which is too obsolete to be repaired, so the budget estimate for a new one is based on the City's cost for its lease. However, the Library's cost might be different because of how its copier is used.
2. The final Library budget needs to be completed before the City's budget meeting, so the next Board meeting might have to be held early.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body