

**Augusta Memorial Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, Feb.19, 2024, 5:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Bunny Turner

Present: Rebecca White Body, Polina Kudelina, Bruce Stabenow, Bunny Turner, Barb Johnson

Also present: Leslie LaRose

Absent: Brenda Pettis, Carrie Amo,

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Bruce, seconded by Barb

Minutes from Jan. 22, 2024 Approved: Motion made by Polina, seconded by Bunny

**Financial report:**

1. There's not much to report this early in the year, other than that Leslie plans to order new computers earlier than she usually would because her computer overheats and is in urgent need of replacing.
2. The Board acknowledged this report.

**Director's report:**

1. Leslie shared a training link for Library Trustees that's also available on the IFLS website. IFLS also offers a page that tracks legislation related to libraries on its website.
2. Wendy from City Hall got a \$1000 grant from Focus on Energy to replace the Library's lights. Focus on Energy suggested seeking matching funds from XCel Energy, so a group is working on this opportunity.
3. The Friends of the Library are working on ice-fishing themed games and activities.
4. The Library is starting a Scrabble Club that will meet the last Monday of each month.
5. The Planning Committee will likely start meeting next month.
6. Updates to the Personnel Policy will be discussed next month.
7. The Library launched a Facebook book club called "Shelf Indulgence." Its first selection will be announced March 1.
8. The Board acknowledged this report.

**Annual Report**

1. Leslie went over highlights from the Library's 2023 Annual Report. Some key points include:
  - a. Leslie would like to get the Library's circulation levels back to pre-pandemic levels. This goal hasn't been achieved yet, but levels are increasing.
  - b. Once the newly digitized microfiche materials go online, traffic to the Library's website is likely to increase.
  - c. Public computer use was lower than expected, mostly because people tend to bring their own devices. They use the Library's outlets, though. Board members suggested that teens be encouraged to use the public computers for gaming so they can have fun in a social situation rather than playing alone in their rooms.

- d. The solar charging bench in the Reading Garden hasn't been operational during the winter, but batteries will go back into it once the weather has warmed sufficiently.
- e. Craft activities are attracting participants of all ages.
- f. Two children have finished the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge.
- g. Polina motioned to approve the Annual Report, Barb seconded, and all approved it.

Statement of Concern for Library System Effectiveness

1. Leslie reported that IFLS has been extremely helpful to her. She read the Statement of Concern for Library Effectiveness verifying IFLS's important role in supporting the Library.
2. Bunny moved to accept the Statement, Polina seconded, and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body