

Augusta Memorial Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, 5:30 pm

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

Present: Rebecca White Body, Polina Kudelina, Carrie Amo, Bruce Stabenow, Bunny Turner, Brenda Pettis

Also present: Leslie LaRose

Absent: Barb Johnson (attended briefly at beginning of meeting)

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Brenda, seconded by Bunny

Minutes from Nov. 20, 2023 Approved: Motion made by Polina, seconded by Bunny

Financial Report:

1. There are no concerns about the budget at this time.
2. The new computer ordered for the circulation desk has arrived, and the newly leased copier will arrive next week.

Director's Report:

1. The Library now has a Remind account to notify people of events, closures, etc.
2. Two children completed "1000 Books Before Kindergarten."
3. Stacy Randall and Kris Sell will be coming in to talk about applying for grants for new lighting; even though the City of Augusta had determined that the lighting is its responsibility, funding it with a grant would be beneficial to both the City and the Library.
4. The money originally allocated for a new basement storage system wasn't spent in 2023 because there was talk of moving the Library. Now that the Library is likely to stay in its current location, the money will be used for this purpose in 2024.
5. The State of Wisconsin no longer charging libraries for WisCat access.
6. The Board acknowledged this report.

Friends of the Library report

1. No Friends report this month.

Budget

1. The budget is on track for this time of year.
2. Leslie's goal is to have all invoices paid and cleared before the end of the year.

New business

1. Strategic Plan: The Library's current strategic plan ends in 2024, so a new one needs to be written.
2. The Board brainstormed ideas for getting community feedback in forming the new strategic plan. Ideas included a community meeting when the weather is nicer, sending mailings, and including a link to the Library's survey in the school newsletter.

3. A Strategic Planning committee will work on designing the survey. Expenses related to it will be paid out of Board held funds.
4. Bruce proposed revisiting the current strategic plan to identify areas where its goals were accomplished and those that are still in progress. Leslie explained that many goals got put on hold due to the pandemic, but she revisits the plan on a regular basis.
5. Since the Library's current location is too small and requires repairs, the Library could look for students and other volunteers who might be willing to seek and write grants for infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body