

Augusta Memorial Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Bunny Turner

Present: Rebecca White Body, Barb Johnson, Bunny Turner, Patricia Wessel, Korinne Wiese

Also present: Leslie LaRose

Absent: Polina Kudelina, Brenda Pettis

Quorum Present

Open Meeting Law Compliant

Agenda Approved : Motion made by Barb, seconded by Patricia

Minutes from Nov. 4, 2024 Approved: Motion made by Patricia, seconded by Bunny

Financials

1. The financials are up to date and everything is on track; there's not much left in the budget allocated to telephone expenses because of the cost of installation, but telephone costs with the new system will be lower going forward.
2. Bunny moved to accept the financials, Barb seconded, and the financials were accepted.

Director's Report

1. The Library will recycle old technology equipment currently stored in the basement.
2. Some money is remaining in the 2024 budget. The Board discussed options for using it and decided to give Leslie a directive to allocate it for expanding the digital collection and purchasing a new laptop.
3. Leslie will go over 2025 Library closure dates later in the meeting.

Friends of the Library Report

1. There was no Friends meeting since the last Board meeting. The discussion with Augusta Elementary School about hosting the Story Walk panels is tabled for now.

Computer and Internet Use Policy

1. The reference to Microsoft Office will be struck from the policy because other products might be used in the future.
2. Bunny motioned to approve this change, Barb seconded, all approved.

Library Conduct Policy

1. The Board reviewed the policy. No changes were proposed.

Child Safety Policy

1. The Board reviewed the policy. No changes were proposed.

Budget

1. Bunny attended the City Council meeting and was told that the budget is final, so money to fund one Junior Clerk position won't be restored.

2. Bunny motioned to approve the budget that was developed at the Nov. 4 Board meeting to accommodate the City's budget cuts to the Library. Korinne seconded the motion, and all approved.

2025 Library Closures

1. The Board reviewed proposed Library closure dates for holidays and staff trainings in 2025.
2. Barb motioned to approve the closure dates, Patricia seconded, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Minutes taken and typed by Rebecca White Body