

Galatia Public Library Board Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

The Library Board Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Davis at 5:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Davis, Richey, Jackson, Dewey, Sisney and Riddle.

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Jackson to edit the minutes from the April board meeting as Sisney was elected Secretary, and not Treasurer as incorrectly stated. Director will edit the April minutes, and resubmit to the board in August, 2023. All approved. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sisney and seconded by Dewey to approve the budget reports provided by the director. All approved. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Director's Report for:

1. Secretary Sisney completed the Oaths of Office for President Davis, Vice-President Dewey, and Trustee Riddle.
2. Director Bennett presented the grant written for ALA's Library Transforming Communities. The grant would be for a homebound delivery program for any temporarily or permanently homebound residents in our district. All operating and start-up costs were included in the grant with longevity estimations given. Sisney motioned to move forward with the grant application once it opens in September. Dewey seconded. All approved, and motion carried.
3. Per-Capita awards were announced, with Galatia receiving \$3,420.00.
4. An opportunity was presented to participate in some virtual solar eclipse events hosted by Harvard and Nasa for October and April. Cost to participate is \$50, and includes Nasa certified glasses. Riddle motioned for the library to participate and Richey seconded. All approved. Motion carried. The Director will advertise events and details.
5. Director Bennett reported that the library is/was already abiding by the new state policy to keep a legal log book of notarizations. An announcement will be made on social media.
6. A discussion of drinking water was approached by Director Bennett. The library building has no water fountain, which is problematic at all times, but especially during any food programming or heat. During recent years, the library provides bottled water for patrons. This is both costly and cumbersome. Options (including quotes) were presented for the installation of a water fountain (tap and/or filtered) and for bringing in a local water cooler source and providers. After considering options, a motion was made by Riddle and seconded by Dewey to purchase a waterproof mat and contact Rainbow to bring in a water cooler and set up monthly water delivery for a trial period of six months. During that time, all

issues that arise will be documented for board review. All approved. Motion carried.

7. Board was advised of a situation between our employee and a patron. The Director had already addressed the situation with the employee and corrected the problematic one-time behavior. The board was advised of the issue so that if any public comments are encountered, they can act with transparency as a library liaison.
8. The t.v. connected to the video surveillance system has gone black. The board advised the Director to consult with Lazerware for a quote/information.

Updates:

1. Sullivan and Sons will be called to repair the rear light.
2. Richey will contact Senator Fowler to request a state flag donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: None

Announcements: None

Next Agenda:

Next Meeting Date: August 22, 2023 **TIME:** 5:00 pm **PLACE:** Galatia Public Library

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jackson and seconded by Dewey. All approved. Motion carried.