

Library Board Minutes

September 18, 2023

The Carroll Public Library Board of Trustees met in the Community Room at the Carroll Public Library. Trustees present: Thomas Parrish, Dale Schmidt, Julie Perkins, Lisa Auen, and Keith Cook. Absent: Ralph von Qualen, Summer Parrott, Brenda Hogue, and Marcie Hircock. Also present: Director Wendy Johnson and Nancy Riddle.

Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm CST. It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Perkins to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: von Qualen, Parrott, Hogue, and Hircock. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes Approval: reviewed the minutes from the August 28, 2023, meeting. It was moved by Cook to approve the minutes and seconded by Auen. All voted aye. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: von Qualen, Parrott, Hogue, and Hircock. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: received a note from a patron complimenting the library on the murder mystery program.

Reviewed the financials and bills. The over/under expenditure for the library trust was explained as a ratio of the year to date spent to the total budgeted amount. Due to budgeting more expenditures than revenue, the over/under expenditure is going to show a negative number. It was moved by Auen and seconded by Perkins to approve the bills. All voted aye. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: von Qualen, Parrott, Hogue, and Hircock. Motion passed 5-0.

Public comment: none

Director's report: Door count, study room use, and program attendance are up compared to August 2022. Several special or new programs are planned for October. Cover One book repair machine usage report shows good usage of this machine to save library resources. No board action taken.

Old Business: none

New Business: Omaha Astronomical Society Library Telescope Giveaway – this telescope lottery is open to libraries in Nebraska and western Iowa to encourage libraries to start their own telescope programs. If chosen to receive a telescope, our library would need to purchase a few accessories totaling around \$50. Wendy will be completing this application to be entered into this program. No board action taken.

Trustee Education: Boardroom Series: Intersections Part 1 – Facilities. This boardroom series will be held through Zoom and is sponsored by the State Library of Iowa for library trustees and city and library employees. The first session will be held on Thursday, September 21 at 6 pm. If interested in attending, use the link emailed with the library board packet or search for this series on the State Library of Iowa website. No board action taken.

Agenda Items for Next meeting: none

It was motioned by Perkins and seconded by Cook to adjourn. All voted aye. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: von Qualen, Parrott, Hogue, and Hircock. Motion passed 5-0. Parrish adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm CST.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm CST at the Carroll Public Library: Community Meeting Room – 118 E. 5th St, Carroll, Iowa 51401.

Thomas Parrish – Vice President

Wendy Johnson – Recording Secretary