

The Paul Sawyer Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023

At 5:30 p.m.

In-person at 319 Wapping Street, Frankfort

- 1. Call to order and record attendance:** Carolyn Lynch, president, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Cheryl Sandefur, Mark Overstreet, Carolyn Lynch, Jean Ruark, Maria Bartholomew, Patty Crittenden, Mary Lynn Lynch, Shane Hecker, Connie Crowe (V.), Valorie Peduto (V.) **Guests:** Anna Marie Rosen, Andy McDonald

- 2. Approval of agenda**

M. Collins made motion to approve agenda. B. Kellerman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

M. Bartholomew made motion to approve December minutes, as submitted. B. Kellerman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Treasurer's report**

M. Shanker presented the Treasurer's report. Highlights included: About 73% of tax deposits are in (compared to 75% at the same time last year), the budget committee is encouraged to meet in order to decide where funds, currently at Westbanco and Whitaker banks, should go for the best return on investment.

Checks for the current period are a bit lower, but still typical, may look for ways to contain electronic publishing - which is a bit high.

Overall, finances are healthy.

B. Kellerman made motion to accept report, M. Collins seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Communications/Public Comment**

Andy McDonald -Climate and renewable energy consultant gave an updated presentation for the use of solar panels , based on the Library's new construction.

Anna Marie Rosen encourages the Library to reconsider installing solar panels, citing: dramatic reduction in the cost of panels is a good investment for both the

Library and the community, and as of August 2022 the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) makes rebates available to non-profit organizations. IRA incentive is available through 2032.

Steps for the Library: McDonald volunteers to evaluate Library's need and ballpark the cost, issue an RFP (McDonald can assist), open proposal to contractors for bidding, evaluate bids.

Depending upon utility rates, the Library can expect the solar panel system to pay for itself in 10 -12 years. (It was noted that the Extension Office now enjoys a rate of five cents per kilowatt hour vs twelve to fourteen cents per kilowatt hour prior to the installation of solar panels.) Library can expect a 25-year warranty and panels will require little to no servicing.

J. Ruark inquired as whether or not the panels would interfere with the ice and rail system currently installed on the roof. McDonald was unsure. McDonald noted that the current process is based on Solarize Louisville - the third most successful program in the country.

McDonald provided a contact card. J. Ruark will request a cost analysis from the Frankfort Plant Board.

6. Director's report

J. Ruark presented the Director's report. Highlights included: Due to pandemic. DVD use is drastically down as compared to 2019, increased number of people in the building in January as compared to December.

Dalton Bennett - hired for new position - Digital Services Librarian. He is very dynamic, has good ideas, and appears to be a good hire. Job duties will include: assisting the public with their accounts, increasing digital services for teens, assisting with the shift to streaming, timely ordering of digital materials, helping to format new digital service usage.

J. Ruark noted that the current cost of glycol is quite high. She will be looking for ways to minimize the cost, perhaps by using a hybrid.

Due to several email hacking/phishing attempts, board members' contact information will be removed from the website, but will be available upon request.

February 9, 2023 is Library Legislative Day. Senator Schikel (sp.?) of Northern Kentucky to sponsor a bill to apply pressure to publishers to adopt a more realistic approach in assessing the cost of electronic media. While not resulting in actually requiring publishers to offer appropriate rates, it is believed this legislation will be added to the country-wide push to establish reasonable fees.

7. Committee reports

Budget - will meet 1/23 to review investment options..

Building - did not meet

Longe Range - Will meet Thursday at 5:30 to begin strategic plan work

Policy/Personnel - met to prepare Director's evaluation. Board members should receive it by February 7th and it must be completed and returned prior to the February 14th Board meeting.

Technology - will meet prior to the February 14th meeting.

8. Old Business - none

9. New Business

M. Shanker recommended that someone from Youth Services attend the February meeting to provide an update on the book selection process.

10, Adjournment

M. Shanker made to adjourn, seconded by C. Lynch.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Carolyn Lynch
President

_____, Maria Bartholomew
Secretary