

**MINUTES OF THE KEOKUK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 18, 2022**

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Ed Bazow	— Present	Mike Marsden	--- Absent
Joe Fierce	— Present	Robin McKray	— Absent
Nancy Graham	— Present	Sue Morgan	— Present
Kristal King	— Present	Rex Muston	— Absent
Marsha Kirk	---- Absent		

2. **AGENDA/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

President Kristal King called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Morgan. Bazow seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. There were no conflicts of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting were presented for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bazow. Graham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION OR DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD:**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Bills were presented to the board for review. A motion to pay all bills and salaries was made by King. Fierce seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

None.

7. **REPORTS:**

a. **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

Winkler reported on the following items:

- The Summer Reading Program is in the last two weeks. There has been wonderful attendance at the programs and the library has collaborated with Keokuk Tourism and Lee County Conservation to offer some of those programs. Iowa State University Extension office will be offering a “Your money, Your Future; making ends meet” program with us on August 16 and August 23rd. Bazow suggested getting the word out through the radio station. Winkler agreed.
- I have completed 10 core courses of the State Library certification program.
- Kristal and I attended the quarterly meeting with the Keokuk Art Center. Plans are in place for a joint fundraising event featuring artist Cecil Houle and her partner on violin. The event is set for Saturday, September 24 at 5pm with

tickets costing \$25. The lunch and learn program will hopefully be starting in November with Ann Titus and then in December with Miranda Graham. We are also looking to do an adult/child pottery class in October.

- Ten new public computers will be installed on Wednesday, July 20 as well as two new checkout computers and three staff ones. We are very hopeful this takes care of a lot of the technical issues we have been having.
- Suzy Waddell pulled weeds in front of the library and wanted the board to know that she was grateful that the Free Little Pantry is allowed to be placed here.
- The Lee County Board of Supervisors gave the Lee County Libraries the \$5,000 increase that was requested for FY 22-23. Each library will gain \$1,000 more for their technology budget.
- Four bike locks were purchased and they were put into use on Tuesday, July 12. During that week, they were used 13 times!
- As Ed requested last month, I checked into the city insurance to see if they could cover any of the camera bills. Unfortunately, the city deductible is \$5,000 and our total cost was \$3,43.27, so they will not be able to help.

A motion to accept the librarian's report was made by King. Fierce seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. **KPL Board/Foundation Liaison report:** Bazow reported that the Foundation met and discussed the following:

- ✓ There will be a presentation from Lambert Security on cameras for the park at the next meeting.
- ✓ Newberry Landscaping submitted a bid for a sprinkler/irrigation system.
- ✓ New officers were elected with Jack Smith as president and Monica Winkler as secretary. Mark Smidt was elected to the executive committee.

Building and Grounds:

- The library garden has been weeded and new mulch put down. I had a discussion with Merissa expressing the board's concerns and the future of the garden. She wanted the board to know that she was very sorry about the shape of the garden. She included a short report to the board:

“The library garden is beginning to produce. Garlic and onions have been harvested and will be available to the public in a few weeks. The garlic scapes were harvested and used to make hummus, which was offered to the library patrons, along with the recipe, and the remaining scapes. The peppers and tomatoes are beginning to ripen as well. The potato plants are blooming, and many pollinators can be seen buzzing around. Using the garden as an effective programming tool is still a challenge—especially in the heat of summer. My next objective is to contact and learn from other educational gardens, so that the library garden can more effectively serve the community”.

I believe that things will get better, but she was made aware that if they don't, the garden could go away.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **None.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Board Vacancy:** Winkler reported that Mike Marsden had submitted his resignation from the board, effective June 21, due to he and his family moving to another town for a new job. Winkler stated that no one was on file at city hall so suggestions on possible replacements would be needed and would need to be a male if at all possible to retain the gender balance. Joe will speak to Joe McKunis as he had expressed interest previously and other board members suggested Steve Pribyl be asked if he was interested. Winkler will do that.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:08. pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 15 at 4:30 pm in the lower level meeting room.