

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Nora Vieau called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Present in person: Amanda Wakeman, Jim Schieble, Shirley Berkley, Dana Pike, Deb Haeffner, Merry Anderson, Trina Reid. Absent: Pete Kaland, Sue Salter

Adoption of the Agenda: Jim moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Disposition of Minutes: Dana moved and Shirley seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as revised. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Jim provided a year-end list of donations, memorials, and grants which totaled \$2,260.00. The report also reflected a \$400 withdrawal from checking for staff appreciation gifts. CDAR 1 renewed 11/30/23 at 4.75%; CDAR 2 will renew 1/18/24. Merry moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Bills of \$5,757.93 submitted. Of note is the \$651.70 plumber charge to fix a running toilet. Jim moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Director's Report: The Hibernate with a Good Book Winter Reading Program is underway. The program promotes reading not only books but also magazines, newspapers, online articles and audiobooks. For each day participants read they receive a raffle ticket for prizes that include homemade quilts. All participants will receive a Kwik Trip coupon for a pizza or salad at the end of the program.

Youth Services programs continue to be popular with both Susan and Helen expanding outreach storytimes to seven different locations. NaNoWriMo wrapped up with six kids participating. The big event of December was the Holiday Train Warm-up at the Community Center. Thanks to volunteers from the Friends of the Library and high school National Honor Society. CPL hosted nine different activity areas for more than 150 people many non-Columbus families.

For adults, the Book and a Movie Club will now have a movie viewing party at the library instead of just discussing the book or movie. The Non-Fiction Book Club will now be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00. The Craft Supply Swap was well attended and cleaned out the crafts closet. The cooking program with Huma Siddiqui also was well attended.

There were no significant building problems. DPW will repair some wall damage near the stairs.

Amanda attended the Columbia County Board and Directors meeting in Randolph. They will meet in Cambria 1/19/24. The March meeting will be in Columbus. The CPL quarterly staff meeting 11/29/23 discussed upcoming programs and events.

Goals:

Goal #1 – Create new strategic plan.

Board comments noted and a final draft will be presented at the January board meeting.

President's Report: None

Friends of the Library: Sales going well with new people shopping along with good online sales. FOL had one \$600 sale of an Agatha Christie book collection.

Literacy Council Report: None

Correspondence: See Financial Report-Donations

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: None

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Strategic Planning Committee: See Director's Report

Building and Grounds Committee: See Director's Report

Trustee Training: None

Unfinished Business: Dana moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the completion of the Library Director Probationary Period. Motion carried. Amanda officially welcomed.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Jim moved and Dana seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m..

Next scheduled board meeting – January 16, 2023, at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Merry Anderson, Secretary