



Board Minutes September 21, 2021

Present: Joyce, Burk, Doll, Kleeman, Lenger, Reuter, Smith

Absent: Muir

Also present: Bobbi Jo Duneman

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve as corrected by Joyce, second by Kleeman. All aye.

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting as corrected by Joyce, second by Reuter. All aye.

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable: Generally routine expenses. Overdrive expense is the annual fees for participation in the consortium. Baker & Taylor's IT expense is for two years of the ordering service; invoices for the past and current year had not been received. Clarifications were sought on mileage reimbursements and a charge for internet in Farley. Hotspots which were not paid this month due to auto-pay failures. Motion to adopt the accounts payable by Joyce, seconded by Kleeman. All aye.

Account Balance: Funds were received from Dubuque County and Holy Cross. The only remaining city's first half payment has been received and will be reflected next month. Motion to accept by Joyce, seconded by Burk. All aye.

Director's Report: Board is impressed with improvements in statistics over Wright's tenure. The Teamsters have reached out to begin the collective bargaining process. The Board of Trustees is still short one member. The empty position must be advertised for 3 months before filling with a member that does not bring the board closer to gender balance compliance.

New Business:**School library card initiative with Dubuque Schools and Carnegie-Stout:**

The Dubuque Community School District and Carnegie-Stout Library would like to provide public library cards to all secondary students in the school district who do not already have public library cards to improve library access for those students. Policies and procedures are yet to be determined, with a desired implementation in January 2022. Motion to approve by Burk and seconded by Reuter. All aye.

Face mask policy: As the Dubuque County Supervisors did not implement a mask mandate in county buildings, Wright recommended tabling the item until the next meeting. A special meeting could be called if the county implements a policy.

Unfinished Business:

Farley Branch Update: Wright shared that a committee has been meeting weekly. On September 29, the committee will be making two recommendations to the Farley City Council about planning services and a temporary location for the library. The committee is actively seeking funds and communicating with the community.

Retiring Director Mike Wright was thanked for his service to the library.

Discussion of moving the date of the November meeting to November 9, 2021.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Burk, second by Doll. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:30 PM at Epworth.