

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

December 2, 2024

The Carlinsville Library Board met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2024. President Kris Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Liz Burdell, Diane Aikin, Peg Fehr, Jenna Rosentreter, Tom Emery, Rosemary Clark, Polly Eldred and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: None

The regular minutes of the November 4 meeting were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. No one had any additions or corrections; the minutes stand approved as read.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. J. Rosentreter noted the library is expecting more property tax disbursements, which should be received soon. A motion was made by Clark and seconded that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRUSTEE PLAQUES: The new trustee plaques have been hung in the library's community room. New members have been added to the plaques.

PERSONNEL: Clark has reviewed the salaries of librarians in our area. She spoke with several agencies and found Heartland has the information needed for our purposes. More discussions will be held.

WEBSITE DESIGN: After much discussion, Aikin made a motion to move forward with the firm Vervocity to design a new library website. Burdell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was 8 yes votes and one no vote. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS BONUS: Staff Christmas bonuses were discussed. The bonus money comes from a separate Memorial Account. Clark made a motion to accept the bonus recommendations with J. Rosentreter as second. A roll call vote was unanimous.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

The library received a \$5000 Public Library Association Digital Literacy Grant in November. The library will be able to use lesson plans to teach 5 digital basic skills classes as well as purchase new lightweight and portable work and conference tables for the Meeting Room.

Director Miller noted there have been several memorial donations towards library funds.

Board member Eldred donated the money to hire local landscape expert Lori Hopping to trim back the bushes, shrubs and vines at the library for the winter.

4 new library cards were made in November, 7 resident renewals and 4 non-resident card renewals. 2,197 total physical items were checked out in October. 525 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 229 unique users.

Storytime had 26 kids and 21 caregivers attending the sessions in November. 10 kids came to the Lego free building class. 3 kids came to Stop-Motion Animation.

Chess Club met twice in November, with a total of 23 players attending. Luke Aikin leads the event and gives a few tips to improve player's games each meeting. Chess Club will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

15 attended the "Cooking the Books Club. The group sampled recipes from Granny Annie's cookbook. Ann Woods provided copies of the spiral-bound cookbook for everyone to keep.

"CrafterSchool" on November 26 had 12 kids. They used printmaking methods to make printed holiday cards to send to family and friends.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: CHS Interact Club came back November 27 during a half-day to help us "deck the halls" for Christmas before we left for Thanksgiving. Sire Engstrom said the kids really enjoyed "haunting" the library in October and wanted to come back and help again.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:05 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell