

CARLINVILLE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

May 5, 2025

The Carlinville Library Board met in regular session Monday, May 5, 2025. President Kris Rosentreter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Members physically present were Liz Burdell, Diane Aikin, Peg Fehr, Polly Eldred, Rosemary Clark, Tom Emery and Dana Yowell, along with Library Director Hannah Miller. A quorum was present.

Public Comments and Correspondence: Rosemary Clark reported that Jamie Poorman, Illinois Humanities Road Scholar, gave an excellent presentation recently "Of Wind and Sky: Marguerite Henry and the Wild Ponies of Chincoteague." Liz Burdell commented on the new "Junk Journal Club". This is a fun, scrapbooking group.

The regular minutes of the April 7 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. H. Miller indicated the library has received the final distribution of property tax money. A motion was made by Eldred and seconded that the treasurer's report and paying of bills be accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. The library's 9 month CD matures on May 6th. Treasurer J. Rosentreter suggested several options from several local banks as to how to proceed. Members discussed the options and a vote was held. See "Board Vote on CD Investment" under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR GOVERNANCE, FINANCE and STRATEGIC PLANNING:

All members agree this is a good idea. President Rosentreter will work on guidelines for all committees and then ask members their preference of which committee they would like to serve on.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE ON CD INVESTMENT:

Members discussed options and a motion was made by Clark and seconded by Fehr to re-invest \$25,000 in a CD at Bank & Trust Co for 9 months with an APY of 4.25%. The Board decided Bank & Trust Co offered the best option. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD OFFICERS:

President Rosentreter asked for volunteers to nominate Officers for the upcoming fiscal year. Emery and Aikin offered their services.

JANITOR'S CONTRACT RENEWAL:

H. Miller said the library's janitor contract is coming due to renew. A motion was made by Emery and seconded by Clark to renew the contract as the person hired is very capable and does excellent work.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

11 new library cards were made in April. 17 resident card renewals were recorded in April and 8 non-resident cards were renewed. 2636 total physical items were checked out in April. 674 additional e-resources were checked out on Libby this month by 277 unique users.

The Carlinville Head Start class visited the library again on April 14. They had a story, made shaker eggs with colored rice and each got to pick out a book to take back to the Center.

Director Miller submitted several grant reports in April. The Illinois Office of Broadband is going to spotlight CPL in the coming weeks focusing on how the library is using DECK funds.

Carlinville High Schools Interact Club has expressed interest in volunteer opportunities for the summer; as has local 4H clubs.

Max Schaad, a visiting TA at Blackburn College, had one grateful person attend the Email Basics class on April 9th.

Storytime welcomed 49 kids and 31 caregivers during the 5 sessions in April. 8 kids, 3 adults came to LEGO Free building on April 4th, and 1 kid and 12 adults came to Stop-Motion Animation on April 11th.

10 kids attended April Fool's Day CrafterSchool on April 1st. 8 kids and 7 adults attended Earth Day CrafterSchool on April 22nd.

Chess Club met and 16 people attended April 14th and 10 people attended on April 28th. The first annual Chess Tournament is May 12th. Tom Emery interviewed Luke Aikin for an article that is in the local paper. Luke discussed his idea for a library chess club and the upcoming tournament.

"Cook the Books" club met on April 24th with 12 people in attendance. The theme was Taste of Home magazine recipes.

President Rosentreter thanked Rosemary Clark for her 13 years of service on the Carlinville Library Board. The May meeting was Clark's last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 PM

Submitted by Secretary Dana Yowell