
Library Board Meeting Minutes, **August 28, 2023**

Library Board Meeting, August 28, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

Board members present were Kate Russell, Mona Sheth, Delicia Palmer, Melissa Kempa, Cary Bruce, and Bart Cayce. Rich Liebe, Chris Dudley, and James Adams attended via Zoom. HCCPL employees present were Tiffany Luna and Elysa Parks. Derek Sims and Dianne Wood represented the Friends of the Library.

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Cary made the motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Delicia seconded, motion passed.

Jonathon was not present to give the financial report so the board relied on the balance sheet and profit and loss statements included in the packet. Tiffany explained that the payments from Christian County Fiscal Court start next month. Cary made the motion to accept the financial reports, subject to audit. Mona seconded, motion passed.

Tiffany gave the Imagination Library report. She noted that IL will be taking over the Little Free Libraries at the downtown park and North Drive Trailhead. New library boxes have been ordered. IL will be conducting Saturday storytime programming featuring Hometown Helpers. Enrollment in the program has increased dramatically due to Mari-Alice's outreach efforts.

Tiffany gave the Director's Report (included in packet). She noted that the annual report has been completed. All employee evaluations have also been conducted, and the next staff meeting will be held August 29. The first professional development day of Tiffany's tenure will be held November 3 and will include fire safety training from Hopkinsville Fire Department, as well as diversity training by Raychel Farmer of the Human Rights Commission and KLDA training by Amber Potts. Tiffany noted that Cheyenne Turner has been hired as the new youth services librarian, and the Christian County Literacy Council is now renting office space from HCCPL. She also addressed the issue of broken concrete on the handicap ramp outside the entrance to the library. Tiffany closed with a discussion of upcoming programming and made the board aware of the possibility of hosting popular authors for readings and discussions in the future. The Louisville Philharmonic will be performing downstairs on September 15.

There were no committee reports.

In new business, Melissa inquired as to the status of hot spots. Tiffany informed the board that a number of hot spots have gone missing. Bart suggested that the penalty cost be raised in order to increase the perceived value of the hot spots and that more hot spots be purchased to alleviate the current wait list times for existing units.

In old business, Bart informed the board that Chris Spurr was given a deadline of September 18 to submit a bid packet, and that construction must start by the end of the year to satisfy concerns raised by Christian County Fiscal Court.