

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on April 27, 2023. The meeting took place at the Palmyra branch of Harrison County Public Library, 689 Haub Street, Palmyra, IN. Members of the Board of Trustees present: Kathy Crimans, President; Sharon Mathes, Vice President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Derrick Grigsby, Treasurer; Jon Howerton, Suetta Tingler and Roger Windell. Also present: Alisa Burch, Director; Diana Lasky, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary and Leah Porter of Blue Dot Harrison County.

Kathy Crimans called the regular meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no input from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Roger Windell made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the April 27, 2023, meeting. Suetta Tingler seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jon Howerton made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 27, 2023, meeting. Barbara Smith seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the claims and financial reports for March 2023. Sharon Mathes seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

Samantha Lawyer, a junior at Lanesville High School, won Best of Show for the Harrison County portion of the 2023 Art Unplugged Regional High School Art Juried Competition. Her artwork, *Garden of Vellichor*, along with first honorable mention Ella Funk's *Garden Snail*, will go on to the Finalist Show to be held May 8 through May 20 at the Arts Alliance of Southern Indiana in New Albany. Seventeen works were submitted to the Harrison County Show. All can be viewed virtually on the library's website. Five other Lanesville students received honorable mentions: Ella Funk, Kassie ZurSchmiede, Brayden Isgrigg, Hannah Rowley and Elizabeth Saier. Kathy Crimans, Diana Lasky, Jessica Stroud and Nikki Esarey served as the Harrison County judges. There will be 11 entries in the finalist show.

Alisa submitted the 2023-2024 InoExpress Renewal. HCPL will continue to receive and send deliveries of SRCS and Interlibrary Loan materials on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Corydon and Lanesville branches of HCPL will be closed Friday, April 28, so staff may attend the South ILF Regional Conference at the Floyd County Library in New Albany. All other branches including the Frederick Porter Griffin Center will operate on their regular schedule.

Friday, April 28, is Nancy Rosenbaum's last day. She is retiring with almost 24 years with the library.

Alisa turned the meeting over to lead circulation associate Nikki Esarey for Palmyra branch updates. Nikki reported that the Palmyra branch has been busy and hotspots are very popular. Storytimes have grown and they will be taking a break in May to get ready for summer reading and will resume storytimes in June. Patrons have expressed interest and are excited about the summer reading program. Plans for the summer include an escape room and puppet show. Alisa noted that the escape rooms are very elaborate and nice. Nikki said they had 112 patrons participate in the escape room over spring break and they are very popular. The branch staff has been weeding in adult fiction to make more shelf space. The staff is excited about the new makerspace coming to Lanesville. (It was affirmed at the meeting that staff could start talking to the public about the makerspace.) Nikki has written and illustrated more than 20 books for her storytimes over the years and she is pleased to announce that her first book will be published soon. It is an early reader titled *Chicken and Moodles*, published in hardback format by Rubber Ducky Press, a children's imprint of Cardinal Publishing Group from Indianapolis. The book was due to be released on May 1, but the release has been pushed back until July due to printing/shipping issues and will be available for purchase from Amazon.

BUSINESS

After presentation and discussion, Derrick Grigsby made a motion to accept the construction agreement with Shireman Construction in the amount of \$109,150.00 for the Lanesville makerspace building changes. Roger Windell seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

Endowment requests to the Harrison County Community Foundation were presented to purchase Lanesville makerspace equipment. The request includes \$9,995.00 from the Marilyn M. Rhodes Memorial Fund to purchase an Epilog Laser Fusion Maker laser cutter and \$1,698.00 from the Harrison County Public Library Fund to purchase a Bambu Lab X1 Carbon 3D Printer, the Wolverine 8mm and Super8 Reels Movie Digitizer and a Cricut Explore Air 2. Jon Howerton made a motion to submit the endowment requests to HCCF as presented. Sharon Mathes seconded the motion. Derek Grigsby abstained from the vote. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A discussion was held about proposed changes for the Corydon branch to transform underutilized space by removing the coffee bar, eliminating a four-seat carrel, relocating the newspaper and magazine reading area and the adult new books collection. Roger Windell made a

motion to move forward with all the proposed changes at the Corydon branch. Jon Howerton seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

Bob Kepner from Chapel Hill contacted Alisa after visiting the Frederick Porter Griffin Center for Local History and Genealogy because access to the building was difficult for him. He is 82 years old and would like to help fund putting in an elevator. Discussion was held about the historical Carnegie building accessibility that is in a flood plain. The board made no motion but asked the director to investigate options for making the building accessible, including reviewing past architectural plans and bids from 10-15 years ago.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

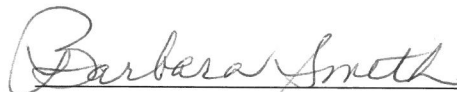
Jon Howerton said, "Thank you for the recognition for being a volunteer."

Alisa Burch responded with, "You're welcome! Thank you for serving and being an active board and having great ideas."

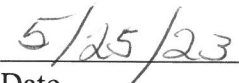
ADJOURNMENT

Suetta Tingler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m. Roger Windell seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

The Board will meet again at 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2023, for the regular Board meeting at the Lanesville branch.



Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees



Date

