

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on March 28, 2024. The meeting took place at the Corydon branch of Harrison County Public Library, 105 N. Capitol Avenue, Corydon, IN. Members of the Board of Trustees present: Kathy Crimans, President; Sharon Mathes, Vice President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Jon Howerton and Roger Windell. Also present: Alisa Burch, Director; Diana Lasky, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary; Eden Ransdell, Youth Services Manager; Leah Porter of Blue Dot Harrison County Podcast, and Liz Beamer, a member of the public. Derrick Grigsby, Treasurer; and Pam Bennett Martin were absent.

Kathy Crimans called the regular meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

Leah Porter commented, "My granddaughter loved borrowing an American Girl doll for a week."

CONSENT AGENDA

Roger Windell made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the March 28, 2024, meeting. Jon Howerton seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Sharon Mathes made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2024, meeting. Barbara Smith seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Jon Howerton to approve the claims and financial reports for February 2024. Roger Windell seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

Alisa updated the board on the change in plans for the Assistant Director's office space. Rather than knocking down a wall, the copier and shelving will be moved from the workroom to create a small office, negating the need for new flooring. The lighting will be updated.

During National Library Week, April 7 – 13, staff will wear buttons and the library will be decorated to celebrate the event.

Bob and Dick Kepner plan to visit HCPL sometime in early April. The Kepners donated some of their Aunt Mildred A. Kepner O'Bannon's paintings to be hung at the Frederick Porter Griffin Center. Last October, Bob created a Harrison County Community Foundation Endowment Fund, the *Harry F. Kepner and Mildred A. Kepner O'Bannon Genealogy Library Fund*. A small reception will be held for the visit to view the artwork display.

Martin French, director of the Arts Alliance of Southern Indiana's SoIN to Shakespeare Tour 2024 production of *The Tempest*, will speak to the Memories & Memoirs book club at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 for Shakespeare's birthday. The play will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Corydon Capitol State Historic Site gazebo. The rain location is Hayswood Theatre. Martin will also bring actors to Harrison County Arts on April 25 for a scene rehearsal and a Q&A period with the actors.

Thirty-five staff members have been registered for the ILF Regional Conference on Friday, April 19 at the Floyd County Library in New Albany. The Corydon branch will be closed that day. All other locations will remain open.

HCPL will host a volunteer appreciation reception on Thursday, April 25, before the board meeting. The reception will begin at 1 p.m. and Board members are invited to come early and be recognized.

HCPL is researching how to implement a Seed Library. It has been decided not to seek a grant from the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program for this grant cycle. HCPL will look at endowment funding for start-up costs.

Elmer Ramos is creating signage and a brochure to be on a new display to highlight Leadership Harrison County book recommendations available at the library about leadership topics.

Alisa was contacted by Michelle Dayvault from the Harrison County Community Foundation to ask if the library would be a downtown location for a Free Little Pantry. (The Lanesville Branch is already a location.) Steve Porter created a beautiful pantry that looks like a house. Michelle or some members of her Leadership Harrison County Class will meet with Alisa next week to decide on a specific location on the property. A community partner will be sought to provide the contents. The library will not be responsible for upkeep, which will include food and other staples.

Diana Lasky is working on completing the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Integrated Economic Survey.

Trevor Smith created stickers to cover the faded library directional sign on Pennington Street and St. Johns Church Road in Lanesville. Steve added new bolts to update the sign. Trevor also created banners for *The Tempest* production. The stickers and banners were created on the large vinyl printer at the library's Makerspace.

Alisa introduced Eden Ransdell, youth services manager, who presented information on the upcoming April 8 solar eclipse. She distributed viewing glasses and a packet of information to the board. Eden reported that the eclipse programs have been well attended. Eden gave updates on other library program attendance stating that the twice-a-week Library Little Ones program has been averaging 20 children plus their parents during each session. A monthly-themed Friday drop-in program and a monthly drop-in craft time are being well attended. The Mayan Escape Room had an

attendance of 174 people last week and is currently at the Palmyra branch. The escape rooms have been very well received.

Eden continued her presentation stating that the CD with book bags had been re-cataloged to place the CD in the back of the book. The CD project is completed at Main, Palmyra and Elizabeth, creating more shelf space. The Lanesville branch CD updates will be next. The Corydon youth library shelves and wall signage were updated to be more accessible, fresh, welcoming and kid-friendly. Families have responded positively to the changes. Branch youth signage will also be updated.

Alisa presented the April adult program calendar noting an upcoming estate planning session to be presented by attorney Charles Murphy called Be Prepared for Estate Planning. Purdue Extension will offer a Cooking for One or Two program. An Essential Oils program is also being offered at the library.

During their most recent podcast, Blue Dot Harrison County highlighted the Saturday Spotlight poetry programs offered each Saturday in April at the Frederick Porter Griffin Center.

Eden Ransdell left the meeting at this time.

BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the proposed update to the Credit Card Policy that was distributed at the February meeting. Roger Windell made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the Credit Card Policy. Sharon Mathes seconded the motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

At the end of Eden's presentation Kathy Crimans told Eden, "I just want to thank you. I was a children's librarian for a long time and you are doing a great job."

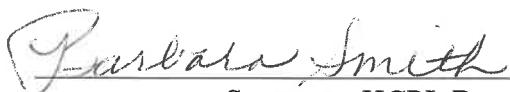
Roger Windell stated, "The landscaping and new mulch really looks nice."

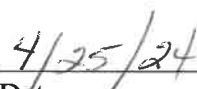
Barbara Smith noted, "Eden did a wonderful job. She is amazing at what she does." And added, "We have a great crop of individuals working for us."

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Howerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Smith seconded the motion, it was approved by a voice vote, and at 3:51 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The Board will meet again at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024, for the regular Board meeting at the Corydon branch.


Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees


Date