

**MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:30 p.m., Monday March 13, 2023**

Call to Order: George Trammell called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Roll Call:

Present: Andrea Bradley, Twila Couey, Carolyn Loving, Dr. John O'Keefe,
George Trammell, Linda Walker

Absent: Jenna Griffith, Kimberly Walker

Recognition of Visitors: None

Consent Agenda (Minutes, Financial Statement, Department Activities & Circulation):

- Loretta recorded the February 2023 minutes in Jenna's absence. She noted that names of the trustees who made motions and seconds were omitted from the minutes. IHLS procedure and the recommendation of certified parliamentarian, Eli Mena was used as a basis for not including names. Loretta indicated if the board would like her to add names, she would comply.

A motion and second were made to approve the consent agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Director's Report:

- All departments have started planning the 2023 Summer Reading Program, "Marion Reads!"
- The new book bike should arrive soon.
- The main floor study room is now open for the first time since the start of the pandemic. It has been very popular and has been used almost on a daily basis. The Calendly app allows patrons to reserve the study room on their own or a staff member can reserve it for them.
- Loretta updated the board about FOIA and the First Amendment.
- Loretta provided information about HB 2789 and how it might impact libraries and materials challenges and book banning.
- Loretta has been in touch with the City Water Department about inserting the community survey into all water bills in May. The survey will also be available online.
- PNG grant application will be submitted later this month.

Committee Reports:

1. Personnel: None
2. Building and Grounds: Rides Mass Transit has started running the Wildcat Route with a stop at the library every half hour six days a week. This is a fixed route with about 10 stops throughout the city. The Marion Street Department constructed a bus stop structure on the west end of the front sidewalk. The Jade Beasley Speak Life Foundation will be planting a tree at the library in Jade's memory.
3. Financial: Loretta recently met with the Treasurer and the Mayor's Chief of Staff to discuss the proposed budget for FY 2024.

4. Friends: The March book sale was the most profitable in recent history.
5. Technology: None

Unfinished Business: Trustee Vacancy: Andrew Wilson resigned from the board. George has names of two prospects to submit to Mayor Absher for consideration. Andrea Bradley will check with others to try to add one more name to the list.

New Business:

1. Statements of Economic Interest were distributed to trustees in attendance. All completed and returned the forms to Loretta. Loretta will take them to the City Clerk who will then file them with the County Clerk's Office before the deadline.
2. Loretta reported that CD rates are up and the library's financial advisor recommends investing in CDs. A motion and a second were made to invest \$24,000 in a one year CD and \$24,000 in a two year CD. All were in favor and the motion passed.
3. Payment of February 2023 bills: A motion and second were made to pay the February 2023 bills. All were in favor the motion passed.
4. Next meeting is April 10, 2023
5. Adjournment: A motion and second were made to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Broomfield, Library Director