

**MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6:30 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025**

Call to Order – Twila Couey called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Andrea Bradley
Twila Couey
Jenna Griffith
Phyllis Landwehr
Carolyn Loving - absent
Sue Ella Rhine
Roderick Throgmorton
George Trammell - absent
Linda Walker
Loretta Broomfield – Director

Newly appointed trustee, Roderick Throgmorton was introduced and welcomed to the board.

Recognition of Visitors:

There were six visitors.

Public Comment: Veronica West addressed the board about the trustee appointment and selection process. Twila indicated Ms. West's comments would be forwarded to President of the Board, George Trammell.

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

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Andrea Bradley, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Director's Report:

1. Loretta reported that staff from Chicago's Adler Planetarium presented a program on March 12 with 88 people in attendance.
2. Loretta provided updates on the status of federal grant funding for libraries and distributed press releases and information about this from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, Illinois Library Association, and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. At this point, we do not know the future of IMLS federal funding. Libraries are coordinating meetings with federal elected officials to express how critical this funding is. Libraries in the Metro East area met a couple of weeks ago and the more southern libraries are trying to schedule a meeting with Representative Mike Bost.

Committee Reports:

1. Personnel: One of our newest Library Assistants resigned and we are currently accepting applications.
2. Building and Grounds: Landscapers have indicated they will be here this week to start weeding and spring clean up.
3. Finance: The Treasurer's Office is not requiring a budget meeting this year. The annual budget for the library has been submitted but not yet approved by City Council. There were only minor increases.
4. Friends: The next sale will be May 30 and 31.
5. Technology: IT arranged to have a two new patron printers installed—one on the main floor and one in the Children's Department. IT also installed new Raspberry Pi devices at the TV monitors on each floor that run the slideshows. They had been running on old Chromebooks and they were becoming too dated to work properly.

Unfinished Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Statements of Economic Interest receipts were distributed to those that had returned their forms.
2. Twila asked volunteers to serve as the nominating committee for the election of officers in June. The committee consists of Andrea Bradley, Linda Walker and Roderick Throgmorton. They will meet at 6:00 on June 9th in the McCoskey Room.
3. Policy Revision—Marion City Ordinance No. 4022. There was discussion about the proposed policy and what (if anything) additional should be done. The board instructed Loretta to check with City Attorney, Wendy Cunningham, about suggested wording to post on restroom doors to indicate that children must be accompanied by an adult. Roderick Throgmorton made a motion to approve the Department Policy as presented. Phyllis Landwehr seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.
4. Andrea Bradley made a motion to approve the payment of the March and April 2025 bills. The motion was seconded by Linda Walker, all were in favor and the motion carried.
3. The next meeting is May 12, 2025.
4. Sue Ella Rhine made a motion to adjourn, there was a second by Andrea Bradley, all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Broomfield, Director