

# EAST ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the East Alton Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Maggie Funke at the library. Those in attendance were J. Richie, L. Silkwood, S. Hierman, J. Bricker and C. Wiegand.

Also present was the Director, Richard Chartrand.  
6 present, 0 absent. Quorum established.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: Wiegand Second: Silkwood**

Approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting.

Roll call vote: Wiegand, aye; Silkwood, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Bricker, aye; Hierman, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- **Andrew Verdun's Resignation Letter**
- **Wood River Kiwanis' email response to us sending them pictures of the books purchased with the book plates made for them**

## FINANCE

**Motion: Bricker Second: Hierman**

Approve wages and expenditures as presented for October 2021.

Roll call vote: Bricker, aye; Hierman, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****November 2021**

1. Drew Verdun has resigned. His last day was October 30, 2021. This is on the agenda as “New Business”.
2. Volunteer hours for October were 18 hours.
3. The Levy and Appropriation Ordinances and supporting documentation were filed with the County Clerk.
4. Maggie will give an update on the Director search.
5. Under “New Business” is the approval of staff gift cards.
6. I would like to thank everyone who decorated the library for Thanksgiving. Cousin It is now a Pilgrim.
7. Karla has shifted the Illinois and the References collections. This creates more space for the Mystery section.
8. Katelyn is busy mastering the website. She is doing very well.
9. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is coming to the area. This is being sponsored by the Riverbend East Rotary. This program covers East Alton, Wood River, Hartford, Roxana, and South Roxana zip codes. Children aged 0-4.5 years old may enroll in the program. The applications are available at the library and need to be returned to the library.
10. The thank-you card was sent to the Wood River Kiwanis.

## **YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

This month's SWAYS meeting was held at Glen Carbon Centennial Library, with 14 attending in person, and one via ZOOM. The October minutes were approved. Erica H. mentioned the IRead theme for this summer - Read Beyond the Beaten Path. The IRead store is open, and delivery is guaranteed for March, when ordering by December, and April when ordered by January.

The majority of the meeting from that point was spent in discussing summer reading entertainers. Some of the performers we discussed included: Science Tellers, Mad Science (last year), Mike Anderson - the Ukulele Guy, St. Louis Zoo, 4H Kids, Dino O'Dell (last year), Animal Tales, Wild Times Exotics, Stage Play, Tie Dyed Iguana, Mini Horses from Heartland Therapy, Serengeti Steve, Bat Lady, Treehouse Wildlife Center, Incredible Bats, the Missouri DNR, Wild Hearts - music and singing, Lynn Levi the Raptor Guy, Juggling Jeff - comedy, juggling, magic; Fred and His Feathered Friends - family run bird show with rescued Macaws, Chef Bananas - foam party, Glen Foster Magic (last year), Will Stuck, and Swords and Roses - acting troupe does interactive shows.

It was decided that the December meeting will be held in person at the Freeburg Library on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with a potluck. Traditionally, this is the meeting in which members contribute their Top Ten List of favorite books from 2021. There was a quick discussion on Story time activities, whether to include singing or not. Some people play games as well as crafts. Some people play GoNoodle songs in the background on YouTube.

The most recent reading challenge at the East Alton Library, a Halloween Quick Challenge, has ten patrons sign up, with seven children completing the challenge. The next challenge is being planned for December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Preschool Story time is returning soon, with Elementary to follow. I have two books and craft activities planned so far, with more in the works.

Submitted by Becky Retzer.

### **DISCUSSION**

**Director Search: Three applications were received. Interviews to be scheduled after Thanksgiving.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion: Hierman Second: Silkwood**

Accept the resignation of Andrew Verdun effective October 30, 2021.  
Roll call vote: Hierman, aye; Silkwood, aye; Richie, aye; Wiegand, aye; Bricker, aye; Funke, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.  
Motion carried.

**Motion: Silkwood Second: Wiegand**

Approve staff seasonal gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 with pizza delivered.  
Roll call vote: Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye; Richie, aye; Hierman, aye; Bricker, aye; Funke, aye. 6 ayes, no nays, 1 absent.  
Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.