

June 20, 2019

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 5:46 p.m. by Margaret Funke at the library. Those in attendance were C. Wiegand, J. Richie, A. Harris and L. Silkwood.

Also present was the Director, Richard Chartrand.
5 present, 2 absent. Quorum established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Harris Second: Wiegand

Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 board meeting.
Roll call vote: Harris, aye; Wiegand, aye; Richie, aye; Silkwood, aye; Funke, aye. 5 ayes, no nays, 2 absent.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **2019 SRC Schedule**
- **'The Secret Dinosaur' by: Neal Proud Deer (It was added to the correspondence file because Maury was quoted on the back.)**

FINANCE

Motion: Wiegand Second: Silkwood

Approve wages and expenditures for May 2019.
Roll call vote: Wiegand, aye; Silkwood, aye; Richie, aye; Harris, aye; Funke, aye. 5 ayes, no nays, 2 absent.
Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2019

1. There were no volunteer hours for May. I was paid for 42 hours instead of 50.
2. On the Agenda as "New Business" is the determination of employee raises. There is salary information included in the board packet. The money is appropriated in the proposed budget. Even though it is appropriated it does not need to be spent.
3. The Book Club selection for June is "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones. A couple is faced with a wrenching decision: whether to let go or rebuild a marriage that is all but destroyed.
4. The courier driver will soon have a key to access the foyer. The outgoing tubs will be stacked in the foyer. This will eliminate waiting and watching for the delivery. It comes anywhere between 8-8:30AM.
5. The Library was closed at approximately 1:30PM on Thursday, June 13 due to a partial lack of power. No phone, internet or many lights including ones to the restroom.
On Saturday, May 25th the Library closed at 2PM due to no internet. The Charter outage was resolved and normal operations resumed on Monday.
6. We are transitioning to Summer Reading Club. This shifts activity to late mornings/early afternoon.
7. Financial Statements and the Youth Services report will be distributed at the board meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

June 2019

The themes for May story times were Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. Crafts were making tacos using a special taco craft kit. These were unique and fun. I surprised the kids by serving them gooey nachos as a special snack. There was no wasted time in eating these! The Mother's Day crafts were making recipe card holders

using mini terra cotta pots and decorating them with foam flowers and hearts. Colored clothespins and craft sticks were used to attach the recipe card. Since this was the last story time until the fall, we had a special pizza party.

There was no family movie for May due to the many summer reading projects that needed to be done. I've been decorating and designing new games and activities. Some include a new coverall Bingo and an I-Spy in the Neighborhood. I have made a few carnival type games and designed some new activities for our craft days. There will be many incentives for earning extra drawing prize slips and just plain winning small prizes each week. Registration begins the last of May and continues to the first few weeks in June. The actual kick-off day will be June 11 with a performer and nachos being served. Lots to do to finish. I have attached a summer schedule.

Kindergarten classes have been visiting twice a week for three weeks. All 4 Kindergarten classes from Eastwood Elementary have visited. Usually 4-5 books are read. They are enthusiastic kids and don't hesitate to offer questions or opinions. They are fun to read to. One thing I added this year was to give them a tour of the library. Most of them only had been in the children's area, so they enjoyed seeing the whole library.

Once again I attended Eastwood's family literacy night at Eastwood. It's a busy once-a-year evening event. I give out free (discarded) books, suckers, and literature about the summer reading program and registration. I enjoy meeting new hopefuls as well as visit with my regular story time attenders.

SWAYS was held at the Case-Halstead Public Library in Carlyle, IL. I was not able to attend this last SWAYS meeting for the school year due to my kindergarten classes coming. According to the minutes we will once again be awarded with Cardinal baseball tickets to give as prizes. We will have a performer's showcase in November. That will be great because our regular showcase in January was canceled. SWAYS meetings will start back in September.

I am proud to announce that I have been working with local children's author, Neal Proud Deer. He has authored YA science fiction books and the popular children's Pickin' Chicken books. We own all of his books. He contacted me for my input into a new juvenile chapter book series featuring 9-year-old twin sleuths. I have thoroughly enjoyed offering ideas and proofreading the drafts before he submits them to the publisher. It's been an honor and a rewarding experience. To date I have been working on 3 of his new chapter books. The 4th book is in the works. His first 2 books of this

Berty and Bobby series will be awarded as prizes. I have included a copy of the first book for you to peruse. View the back cover as I am honored to be mentioned. Per Neal's kindness he has quoted me on the other 3 books as well. To his surprise I am a grandmother of twin girl/boy 9-year-old twins. This made this new endeavor for both of us very rewarding and lots of fun. Submitted by Maury Reynolds

DISCUSSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Harris Second: Richie

Determine Employee Raises - Effective January 1st each staff member receives a \$.50 per hour raise.

Roll call vote: Harris, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye. 5 ayes, no nays, 2 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.