

# 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, A. Harris and C. Wiegand.

Also present was the Assistant Director, Darlene Pingolt.  
7 present, 0 absent. Quorum established.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion: Harris Second: Richie**

Approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting, Special Sessions November 29 & 30, 2021, Special Session December 1, & 6 2021.

Roll call vote: Harris, aye; Richie, aye; Silkwood, aye; Funke, aye; Bricker, aye; Hierman, aye; Wiegand, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.  
Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- **Madison County Board of Review - Eastgate Plaze requesting an assessment reduction from \$1,350,830 to \$157,000. (4 Pages)**

## FINANCE

**Motion: Silkwood Second: Bricker**

Approve wages and expenditures as presented for November 2021.  
Roll call vote: Silkwood, aye; Bricker, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye; Hierman, aye; Wiegand, aye; Harris, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.  
Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
December 2021**

1. Volunteer hours were 18.5 for November.
2. The agenda items include: all special meeting minutes, the approval of the AFR and the Policy Amendment Ordinance.
3. EastGate Plaza is requesting an assessment reduction from \$1,350,830 to \$157,000. This will be in the correspondence file.
4. I will be working with the new Director to provide a seamless transition as possible.
5. Staff and Board contact sheets were sent to the new Director. He will also receive a board packet.
6. When I have requested specs, a new computer will be ordered for the new Director.
7. As of this writing, I do not have any information concerning the AARP tax service. They will be doing tax service here. We already have patron inquiries.
8. I will have the Per Capita Grant finished by the due date of January 15, 2022. The State Library asked that we use the 2010 population and the correct population would be inserted once it is known.
9. Thank all of you who decorated the library for Christmas. We enjoy many positive remarks.

# YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

This month's SWAYS meeting was held at Freeburg Library. I was unable to attend the potluck meeting, in which members submitted their top ten books for 2021.

The next reading challenge will be a quick three week challenge, running from December 13th through January 3rd. Storytime is in full swing now, and flyers have been distributed to Eastwood Elementary. The program has been publicized on Facebook and the Library website. Hopefully, more children will begin coming. Fall activities included a Color Wheel Turkey and Leaf Suncatchers. December activities include a folk art Santa, a hibernating bear watercolor, Christmas ornaments to design and color, and a God's Eye yarn project.

I've signed up with Ingram to get review/new title release alerts to maintain the children's collection and look for popular new releases. This has worked well so far.

Merry Christmas!  
Submitted by Becky Retzer.

## DISCUSSION

**Eastgate Plaza assessment reduction**

## OLD BUSINESS

**None**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Motion: Richie Second: Hierman**

Approve Annual Finance Report.

Roll call vote: Richie, aye; Hierman, aye; Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye; Bricker, aye; Funke, aye; Harris, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.  
Motion carried.

**Motion: Wiegand Second: Richie**

Approve Policy Revisions (Ordinance 2021-04)

Roll call vote: Wiegand, aye; Richie, aye; Silkwood, aye; Hierman, aye; Bricker, aye; Funke, aye; Harris, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.  
Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.