

October 21, 2021

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 5:45 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 Director, Richard Chartrand.
7 present, 0 absent. Quorum established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Harris Second: Hierman

Approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting.
Roll call vote: Harris, aye; Hierman, aye; Richie, aye; Funke, aye;
Bricker, aye; Silkwood, aye; Wiegand, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE

Motion: Hierman Second: Silkwood

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**October 2021**

1. Volunteer hours for September were 20.5
2. A mobile home tax payment in the amount of \$84.57 was disbursed on 9/28/21.
3. The annual report was approved by the State Library.
4. Tabitha will be placing adult book orders. This is a “Drew job” that someone else can do.
5. The Per Capita Grant is due on January 15, 2022. I will complete this before I depart.
6. Don't miss Cousin It with his Trick or Treat bucket. Andy made it from a tomato fence and a grass skirt. It is our Halloween focal point.
7. The biographies that were ordered with the Kiwanis donation have been cataloged and will be processed. We are waiting for the book plate labels. Maggie is making a Thank-You card.
8. There is a shortage of paper used in the production of books. This seems to effect the production of large print books. They are severely delayed.
9. A replacement tax check in the amount of \$42,159.66 was disbursed on October 13, 2021.

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**October 13th, 2021**

This month's SWAYS meeting was held via ZOOM, with nine attending. The September minutes

were approved. It was decided that the November meeting will be held in person at the Glen Carbon Centennial Library on Main Street. There will be a ZOOM option for those who are unable to attend. We are planning on alternating months from in-person and ZOOM. MAPLE will not be hosting the Performer's Showcase. If we want one, we will have to do our own, and we decided to just review performers in our meeting instead. Erica mentioned that the I-Read bookstore is now open - titled Beyond the Beaten Path.

Currently, the library is holding a Holiday Quick Reading Challenge for 0-12 year olds, as well as the ongoing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

We spent a good deal of time discussing holiday programming. Halloween activities include a Halloween Story Walk in Granite City, and Scary Stories/Campfire Tales in O'Fallon. Waterloo Library has their used books as prizes. For the Christmas season, Granite City will again be providing patrons with Reindeer experiences - hosted by show-mereindeer.com. Freeburg discussed their longstanding tradition of gingerbread house decorating. Glen Carbon hosts a Holiday Open House, which is an all-day event featuring Santa, caricature artists, gingerbread house decorating workshops and a contest.

I am paused in the culling of the Children's Collection, as there is no room on the book sale table for any more used books. I've finished the YA novel series, JFIC novels, JFIC paperback collection, and Jchapter collections.

Submitted by Becky Retzer.

DISCUSSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Harris Second: Silkwood

Open the position of Director with the search open until filled.

Roll call vote: Harris, aye; Silkwood, aye; Richie, aye; Wiegand, aye;

Bricker, aye; Hierman, aye. 7 ayes, no nays, 0 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.