

May 15, 2025

EAST ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER

Margaret Funke called the regular meeting of the East Alton Public Library District Board of Trustees to order at 5:45 PM. Those in attendance were J. Richie, J. Bricker, J. Buttry, and L. Timmins. Also present was Jeremy Staicoff, Director. 5 present, 1 absent. Quorum established.

CORRECTIONS

Administer Oath of Office for newly elected trustee(s)
Trustee Position Reorganization

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Timmins **Second: Buttry**

Approve April 2025 Board Minutes
Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye;
Timmins, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NOTES

None

FINANCE REPORT

Motion: Buttry **Second: Bricker**

Approve Expenditures & Wages for April 2025
Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye;
Timmins, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Report

1. Verified tax extension numbers from Madison County for upcoming FY.
2. Confirmed our banking info for Madison County for this year's tax payments.

3. Roofing items have been delivered as of the writing of this report. We should have the wooden shingle roof replaced by the time of the May Board meeting.
4. Working with Lazerware on phone solution(s) to potentially implement in July.
5. Devin signed up our library for the IHLS Library Crawl taking place this Fall. It is an event we have taken part in each year and have seen increased participation year over year.
6. Worked with members of the team on Summer Reading preparation.
7. Speaking of Summer Reading, the staff is currently working on the decorations for this year's theme "Level Up at Your Library".
8. Created a rough/initial draft of combined budget & appropriation ordinance. Copy is included in Board packet.
9. Drafted Ordinance 2025-01 Board Meeting Dates. Copy is included in Board packet.
10. Drafted public hearing notice for budget & appropriation ordinance. Copy is included in Board packet.

Youth Services Report

1. Lego Club on Apr 17 had three patrons and their creations were added to the wall!
2. We had 14 patrons turn in Peep Dioramas for the contest.
 - a. Online voting had 197 participants vote.
 - b. The in-person voting had 81 participants vote.
3. On Apr 22, Earth Day, we had a take home craft for patrons to come in and pick up. They used blue and green paint and a circular disk that is then put in a bag to smush together to create their own earth. Out of the 25 available, 24 were taken!
4. Storytime on Apr 24, there were 7 kids! They enjoyed bubbles, two stories about rabbits, and a craft where they got to make their own rabbit!
5. We had two separate visits from the 8th grade at the East Alton Middle School on Apr 25. Students were able to get library cards, have a tour, and check out books! Altogether there were 65 students.
6. Saturday, Apr 26, I held a Marvel Trivia. 5 attended and broke off into 2 teams. The winning team got a gift card and a puzzle. The other team each got squishy Marvel characters.
7. On Apr 28, Maui visited! He had 9 visitors this time who each enjoyed getting to see him/read to him!
8. May 1, I attended Family Literacy Night at Eastwood Elementary. I passed out flyers for upcoming events, told

parents/guardians how to get library cards, and talked about Summer Reading!

9. Lego Club on May 1 had 0 patrons – most likely due to the rain.
10. Stress Ball making on May 5 had 8 patrons attend!
11. Senior Hangout was on May 7. Unfortunately, none came.
12. On May 8 we had Storytime. 12 kids attended! We read two stories about flowers and then made flowers as a craft.
13. Kindergarteners from Eastwood Elementary visited the library on May 9! There were 3 classes with a total of 58! I read two stories to them and gave them a tour of the children’s section. They had a blast!

DISCUSSION

Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Draft

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Buttry

Second: Timmins

Trustee Position Reorganization

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Timmins, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

Terra Feezel arrived at 6:10 and was sworn in.

Motion: Buttry

Second: Feezel

Set Ordinance 2025-01 Board Meeting Dates

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Timmins, aye; Feezel, aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

Motion: Richie

Second: Timmins

Set Public Hearing for Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Roll call vote: Funke, aye; Richie, aye; Bricker, aye; Buttry, aye; Timmins, aye; Feezel, aye. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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