



Charleston Library Board Minutes Monday, January 6, 2025 – 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll call

Burnham_X__ Chiritescu___ Cuddy_X__ Curry_X__ Doughty___ Ferguson_X__ Looby_X__ Olsen_X__ Viertel_X__
Steve Bennett, Deputy City Manager, is a guest.

3. Public Comment

4. Board President's Comments

Chris related that on 1/5/2025, a patron exhibited extreme, threatening behaviour. CPD was called; patron removed. Patron returned several days later with similar behaviour. Chris removed patron, who is now banned from premises for a year. Closing and security procedures may be revisited soon to ensure safety of patrons and employees.

Automated handicapped accessible door at main entrance does not work. Discussion ensued about various elements that need fixing, cost, etc. A sign has been posted to notify patrons.

5. Omnibus Agenda

- A. Acceptance of the December 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. Acceptance of Director's Report
- C. Acceptance of Statistics Report
- D. Acceptance of Grant & Donation Report
- E. Acceptance of Financial Reports- provided at the meeting
- F. Approval of the bills payable- provided at the meeting

Motion to approve: _JL___ Seconded: _KO___

Burnham_Y__ Chiritescu___ Cuddy_Y__ Curry_Y__ Doughty___ Ferguson_Y__ Looby_Y__ Olsen_Y__ Viertel_Y__

6. Discussion Items

A. City Retreat Presentation

Chris shared with us the PowerPoint presentation he used at the Dec. 2024 2-day City Retreat. It contained photos, specific details, numbers, costs, etc. about the following categories: 1) Facility Updates 2) Services and 3) Moving Forward in 2025. The annual retreat offers Chris a chance to reflect on the previous year, and his presentation gives many specifics as to how CCPL is spending money and time.

B. Literature & Libations 2025

Brandalynn Curry arranged for three sponsors to donate \$25,000!

We are finalizing food contract with Warren James Winery.

The Moondogs will perform, as will the EIU Jazz Trio.

Liquor will probably be provided by Gateway Liquor, although not finalized yet.

Discussion ensued about activities for Lit. & Libations: do we need them/any? Which have been successful in past? The Board agrees that 1-3 activities is desirable /beneficial.

C. Next Board Meeting – Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30PM.

D. Agenda Building

E. Other?

7. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Full Board Packet available upon request at the service desk.