

Mount Carroll District Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 2024

Call to order: 6:00 PM by M. Foltz

Attendees: Board of Trustees: Marsha Foltz, Tom Sorg, Virginia De Swarte, Gina Wilkinson, Jim Wheeler, Pat Foltz

Library Director: Izzy Foltz- absent to Illinois Librarians Association Conference

Guests: Alan Rosenberg

Voice Roll Call: M. Foltz-present, Ward- absent, Sorg-present, De Swarte-present, Wilkinson-present, Wheeler-present, P. Foltz-present

Agenda approval: De Swarte/Wilkinson

Public comment: none

Friends of the library report:

The Friends current revenue is \$3,383.37. Their last Roads Scholar presentation was the previous weekend. Their current discussions focus on building an audience for their programs. They plan to purchase a projector and need to determine if a screen purchase will also be necessary.

Secretary report approval: Sorg/De Swarte for the monthly report and De Swarte/Wilkinson for the special meeting minutes

Financial report approval: Wilkinson/Sorg

Payment of bills: De Swarte/Wheeler

Librarian's Report

In a written report shared by M. Foltz Izzy thanked the board for their support in attending the ILA in Peoria. This week will have an author program as well as a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library and a Highland Community College presentation. The youth book club will take a break between books. In the coming month, Nancy Gmitro will begin teaching her cooking class.

Committee Reports:

1. Building and landscape committee: The library needs a contract for snow removal on front entrance and the ADA ramp. The bowling alley grease pit was moved to the road and is now gone from the neighbor's property.
2. Finance: covered in the financial report

Ongoing Business:

None

Old Business:

1. Brightspeed- There will be no charges to disconnect from NIU, but we require more information from IFiber.
2. Removal of the grease pit- complete
3. Correspondence from Char Behrens- her email reported that she had been awarded the grant for her artwork and shared a timeline for the project

New Business:

1. Ordinance Levying and Assessing Tax for Mount Carroll District Library of the Counties of Carroll and Jo Daviess, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July 2024 and ending the 30th day of June 2025

Wheeler/De Swarte

Voice vote: Wheeler, yes; Sorg, yes; Wilkinson, yes; De Swarte, yes; M. Foltz, yes; P. Foltz, yes; Ward, absent

2. Approval of safety plans Sorg/Wilkinson
3. Request to donate magnifier for low vision aid Wilkinson/ De Swarte
4. Discussion of Loescher bills: We have two bills for repairs relating to remodeling and the addition. Marsha is going to reach out to make sure that we are responsible for these charges.
5. Resignation- the board regretfully accepts the resignation of library board trustee Val Ward
6. The board agreed to host a Christmas walk activity on Friday, December 6th from 4:00-6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM De Swarte/Wheeler

Respectfully submitted by Pat Foltz