

Mount Carroll District Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

Call to Order: 6:01 PM by M. Foltz

Attendees: Board of Trustees: Marsha Foltz Tom Sorg, Virginia De Swarte, Gina Wilkinson (via Zoom), Jim Wheeler, and Pat Foltz

Library Director: Izzy Foltz

Guests: Anna Gray, Char Behrens

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

Agenda Approval: Wilkinson/Sorg

Public Comment: none

Friends of the Library Report:

The Friends report highlighted the Illinois Humanities Grants and the announcement that they had lost their funding from the federal government. This year's programming is already covered, but future programming is in jeopardy. John Goldsmith's program will be on April 12th. The Friends gained 29 members from their membership drive. They are ready for this year's Farmer's Market, but they are looking for book donations. There are two movie nights planned in June and October. The first community coffee hour is taking place on April 15th. There was also a discovery of historical photos that were in library storage above City Hall.

Secretary Report Approval: Wilkinson/De Swarte

Financial Report Approval: P. Foltz/Doty

Payment of Bills: Wilkinson/De Swarte

Librarian's Report:

Izzy went through the calendar of events and reported that adult computer use has been up for this month. The library's temporary intern was also introduced. Hazel Nelson has begun work and will be able to work with the library through June thanks to the Best grant.

Committee Reports:

Building and landscape maintenance: The elevator is fine after earlier concerns. Mike Miller will be doing the library lawn work this season. There were also some questions about the operation of the ceiling ventilation in the women's restroom.

Finance: no additional report

Old Business:

The fiber installation is scheduled to start this week.

After reaching out to Schindler regarding our elevator invoice we learned that the power issue was not covered by our service plan, but that we may be able to receive a reduction in the cost of the service. We are still waiting to hear back from them.

New Business:

Char Behrens was able to share some of her completed work for the hall art installation. She also discussed her process and vision for the overall project. The timeline for the completion of the project continues to be late July or August.

The board had been approached to have an entry in the 4th of July parade. We are not planning to have a float this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM De Swarte/Sorg

Respectfully submitted by Pat Foltz