

Hope Welty Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 12, 2024

Call to Order:

President Mary Hissong called the November 12, 2024 meeting of the Hope Welty Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:28 pm. A roll call vote was taken with Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, Mary Webb and Library Director Shari Rawlings answering present. Also attending were Vicky Mercer, and Kevin Buckley from McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman and Buckley, P.C (our auditors). Absent members were Lyn Coleman and Janice Lonnon.

Public Forum:

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were read silently by the members present. Brenda Hart moved to accept the minutes of the September 9th meeting with corrections in typing. This was seconded by Linda Martin. All present voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Linda Martin, Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. There was a beginning balance of \$326,880.20. Receipts were \$14,262.40 This included Macon County Real Estate Taxes. Disbursements were for \$22,573.21. This gave us an ending balance of \$318,569.31. Bills were presented in the amount of \$11,077.90. Mary Webb moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Linda Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, and Mary Webb voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Long Range Plan has been started with ideas from several libraries that Shari visited.
- Soup Day will be Jan 10 from 11-1
- Gutters in the downspout are not working correctly and there was water from the last rain in the library. Shari will call to get estimates for replacing gutters.
- Fencing: The lot was purchased by the Bar next door. They will be putting up fencing so we will wait and see what they do before putting up our own fencing.
- Do need to draft a letter to them about their trash in our bushes, grass, etc.
- Library Crawl: 44 people came.
- Pillars are to be worked on the first of December.
- Shari visited the following libraries over two days.
 - Effingham: ideas on checking out things besides books—fishing poles, Ashton Drake dolls for Alzheimer's sufferers, toolbox, cake pans. Etc.
 - Mattoon
 - Arthur
 - Sullivan
 - Mt. Pulaski—idea doorbell (has already been bought and installed)
 - Argenta/Oreana
 - Mt Zion,
 - Lincoln
 - Clinton
- Decorate for Christmas the 25th of November with lunch at Judy's Kitchen for staff, those who decorate, Vicky Mercer, and ??
- Roll cart for TV instead of wall mount so it can be moved if needed if room rented out.
- Don Krall had fixed out planters for fall .

New Business:

Kevin Buckley from McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman and Buckley, P.C. Certified Public Accountants and Consultants presented our 2023-2024 auditor's report to the members.

Linda Martin moved to present Dan Krall with a \$400 Visa gift card for his continued work on our flowers and bushes. Lisa Forbes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, and Mary Webb voting aye. Motion carried as there were no nay votes.

Linda Martin moved to pay the following Christmas Bonuses to our staff. Shari Rawlings for \$425. Michelle West for \$250, Vicky Mercer for \$350, Tina Henderson for \$275, Marsha Leach \$100, Cleaning Lady Sandra Barton for \$250.00 Motion seconded by Mary Webb. A roll call vote was taken with Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lisa Forbes, Brenda Hart, and Mary Webb voting aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance of 2024 for the Hope Welty Public Library was read to the members by Brenda Hart. It was then signed and will be published.

Other Information and Business

None

Next Meeting: December 9, 2024 at 3:30 pm at the Hope Welty Library

Meeting Adjourned:

Linda Martin moved to adjourn the November 12 meeting of the Hope Welty Public Library Board of Trustees at 4:42 pm. Seconded by Lisa Forbes. All members present voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Secretary,
Mary Webb