

MARION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., Monday, April 8, 2024

George Trammell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Steve Aschieris
Andrea Bradley
Twila Couey
Jenna Griffith -- Absent
Phyllis Landwehr
Carolyn Loving -- Absent
George Trammell
Linda Walker
Loretta Broomfield -- Director

Recognition of Visitors:

There were two visitors in attendance.

Consent Agenda (Minutes, Financial Statement, Department Activities & Circulation):

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. It received a second, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Director's Report:

- Loretta reported that today's eclipse brought visitors into the library from all over the country. We saw license plates in the parking lot from New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and also talked a lot of out of town guests.
- During March and April, the library distributed over 1,000 eclipse viewing glasses from a Star Net grant and a few hundred viewing cards thanks to Adler Planetarium. On the day of the eclipse, we fielded approximately 50 phone calls from people trying to obtain viewers at the last minute.
- The library provided six eclipse and space themed events with approximately 400 attendees in the weeks leading up to the big event.

Committee Reports:

1. Personnel: Two new Librarian I employees started on March 26. Both work primarily on main floor.
2. Building and Grounds: New computer chip for the elevator is on back order. We are grandfathered in with the red light issue described at the March meeting.

3. Finance: April is the last month of the fiscal year and we are in a spending freeze to close out the books.
4. Friends of the Library: The most recent book sale yielded \$1,572.
5. Technology: Eight new patron computers have arrived but will not be installed until the new fiscal year because we will be buying new tables from the FY 2025 budget.

Unfinished Business:

1. Succession Plan – Andrea Bradley, Linda Walker and Steve Ashieris will work with Loretta to draft a succession plan to present to the full board.

New Business:

1. Peterson Local History Room Presentation by Linda Byassee. The board will discuss at the May meeting.
2. Vacant Board Seat. George is pursuing this and has some leads.
3. Steve Ashieris made a motion to pay the March 2024 bills. The motion received a second, all were in favor and the motion passed.
4. The next meeting will be May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
5. Adjournment: A motion was made by Andrea Bradley to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion received a second, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Broomfield, Library Director