

Minutes of the Sherrard Public Library District Board of Trustees

April 18, 2023 -- 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 6:00 PM.

Board Members in Attendance: Jim DeWitt, Jackie Docherty, Allen Holdsworth, Molly Kindelsperger, and Sheryl Steele.

Board Members Absent: Anita McKnight and Barb Ruane.

Staff: Tori Drews

Oath of Office will be performed at the May meeting when all are present.

Appointment of Officers: Allen Holdsworth was appointed President. Sheryl Steele was appointed Secretary. Vice President and Treasurer will be appointed at the May meeting.

Motions:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023, by Kindelsperger, Second by Docherty.
2. Motion to approve the Treasurer Report by Kindelsperger, Second by Docherty.
3. Motion to adopt American Library Association Bill of Rights by Docherty, Second by Kindelsperger.
4. Motion to approve proposed revisions to Job Descriptions by Kindelsperger, Second by Docherty.
5. Motion to approve proposed Wage Raises for FY 23-24 by Kindelsperger, Second by Docherty.
6. Motion to adjourn at 6:33 PM by DeWitt, Second by Kindelsperger.

Director Report:

- I. Election Results – Trustee and Public Question: Four current board members were reelected. Although the Public Question did not pass (losing by 32 votes), Tori provided the board with statistics showing how the vote was much closer than the last election in 2021. We plan to present the Public Question again in 2025.
- II. Personnel: A new circulation clerk has been hired as a Circulation Clerk to replace Hope Orlowski.
- III. Programming: The Theme for his year’s Summer Reading Program is “Read S”more”. Registration for Summer Reading and June events opens May 19th at 10 AM, The program runs from June 12-July 22. In preparation for Summer Reading the library will not offer programming in May, except Book Clubs.
- IV. Coupon Books: The library has sold all 20 SaveAround coupon books and will order 20 more when the newest addition comes out in August.
- V. National Library Week is April 23-29. This is a good time to show the staff we appreciate the great job they are doing.
- VI. Birdies for Charity Pledge forms are now available at the library and have been mailed out to past donors.

New Business:

1. American Library Association Bill of Rights: The State of Illinois is in the process of passing legislation that would require libraries that receive state grants to either adopt the ALA Bill of

Rights or develop a statement prohibiting book banning. The Board has formally adopted the ALA Bill of Rights.

2. Job Descriptions: The Board has approved proposed restructuring of Circulation Clerks to create Clerk II and Clerk I positions. This revision will empower those in the Clerk II position to provide “general supervision”.

3. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Wages: The Board approved proposed raises for FY 23-24.

The next meeting is May 16, 2023, at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Steele, Secretary