

WINNEBAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2017 7 pm

The regular meeting of the Winnebago Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Irv Koning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Board members Don Hyson, Irv Koning, Allan Levandowski, Steve Scheider, and Pat Wakeley. Chuck Fricke was absent. Library Director Katie Schmoyer was present. Norma Kloster and Marian Pedrick were present representing the Friends. Two members of the public and three library staff members were also present as guests.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Scheider moved approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2017 regular board meeting. Don Hyson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

There was no Committee of the Whole meeting in January.

Public Comment

Prior to public comment, Katie Schmoyer presented information about an incident at the library where a patron was discovered by another patron to be engaging in indecent public behavior. The Winnebago Police Department was called and removed the individual. He has been banned from the library for 30 days, as specified in Policy 314 (letter filed with minutes). The patron reporting the offense completed a library incident report and a police report. She expressed to the board her concern for the safety of adults and children at the library and thanked library staff for their immediate and caring response. Members of the board expressed their concern for and apologies to the patron and praised her bravery in reporting the incident. Library staff members shared their experiences with the offending patron and supported the reporting patron in her resumption. The board thanked Katie Schmoyer and library staff for their prompt action and their care and attention to the reporting patron. See Library Director's Report for board action.

Friends Report

Norma Kloster reported for the Friends. A written report is entered in the record. Marian Pedrick presented the financial report for 2016. The wish list was distributed at the January meeting for discussion at the February meeting. Friends requested information on the cost of a drop down screen and the panic button. At the January meeting, the group agreed to provide up to \$200 for an adjustable table for children's use, up to \$150 for a library wheelchair, and \$240 to renew the subscription for *Book Page* in cooperation with the Pecatonica Public Library. The quilt show is scheduled for February 18-19, 2017. The theme is "Quilts and More," with knitted items as "More."

President's Report

A blood drive is scheduled at the library for Tuesday March 28, noon to 6 pm.

Library Director's Report

Katie Schmoyer presented a written report, which is entered in the files. She gave more detail about the incident in the library on January 30 at 11 am. The patron was banned from the library for 30 days in 2011. Other patrons and staff have shared being made uncomfortable by the offender, but his behavior did not rise to the level required for further action under policy 314. The patron was in the habit of bringing his personal computer to the library to use the Wi-Fi. Filtering software that protects those using the library's computers does not limit computers that are personal property. The person was escorted off the property by the police and charged. Katie recommended a permanent ban for the patron, which requires board action.

Allan Levandowski moved to impose a permanent ban from the library for John Wade. Irv Koning seconded the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote, with Chuck Fricke absent. Katie will remove the patron's library card from the circulation system and send a certified letter notifying him of the ban.

Katie presented a quote from the library's alarm company for panic buttons that tie directly into the alarm system. Allan Levandowski moved to purchase and install the system at a cost of \$1,100. Don Hyson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote, with Chuck Fricke absent.

Katie reported that she has started the application process for the University of Illinois LEAP program for a master's degree in library science.