

Minutes of the James River Valley Library System Board of Directors
Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Board members present were Emmy Roorda, Gail Martin, Jackie Barnes, Sarah Hellekson, Jessica Alonge, and Amanda Hastings. Absent were *City Ex-Officio* David Schloegel and Denise Waldie. Also present were Library Director Joe Rector and Assistant Director Jill Pfaff.

Jessica called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

WELCOME AMANDA HASTINGS

Jessica welcomed County Commissioner Amanda Hastings to the library board.

NOVEMBER MINUTES UPDATE

Sarah made a motion to approve the amended November 13 minutes, seconded by Emmy. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Gail made a motion to accept the December 11 minutes, seconded by Jackie. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Joe gave the financial report for the month of December.

BILLS TO BE PAID, PAYROLL AS PAID, AUTO PAY PAID, AND AMAZON TO BE PAID

Sarah made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, the payroll as paid, auto pay as paid, and \$2,089.85 Amazon EFT, seconded by Gail. Roll call vote showed 6 ayes, 0 nays. 1 absent. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZED SIGNERS UPDATE

Joe reported Unison Bank, U.S. Bank, and Bank Forward are currently working on the paperwork to update the authorized signers on the accounts. Joe has sent requirements from Bank Forward to the signers. There are no accounts set up with Gate City Bank.

INFORMATION FREEDOM UPDATE

Joe gave a presentation to the library board about the current threats to information freedom and court cases in various states that are impacting the freedom to read.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

- Joe presented statistics for the month of December
 - Patron count: 4,298
 - Patron cards: 8,320
 - Libby/Overdrive usage: 2,088
 - Hoopla usage: 490 uses for a total of \$1,163.04
 - Item usage: 7,240
 - Computer usage: 702 (ADPL) and 178 (SCL)
- Comprehensive weeding project
- Director professional development – NDSL Trustee Training

- Jill reported the Holiday Open House was a success. About 75 people attended the event. Activities included pictures with Santa, letters to Santa, games, storytime with Loretta Jung, Joseph Woiwode, and children’s library staff; finger food and hot chocolate; music by Nancy and Steve Kuykendall, and Christmas carols
- Upcoming program at the Masonic Building will be a Sweetheart dance, date TBD
- Trustee training Webinar from State Library (Fridays in January and February, 12:15 pm)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at 3:30 pm, ADPL.

ADJOURNMENT

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Pfaff