

Minutes of the James River Valley Library System Board of Directors
Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Board members present were Pam Phillips, Robert Hoekstra, Char Freeberg, Emmy Roorda, Joan Morris (via phone), Gail Martin, Jackie Barnes, and *City Ex-Officio* David Schloegel (arrived at 3:06 pm). Also present were Library Director Joe Rector and Assistant Director Jill Pfaff.

Pam called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Robert made a motion to accept the April 10 minutes, seconded by Emmy. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Joe gave the financial report for the month of April.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the bills to be paid, the payroll as paid, auto pay as paid, and \$2,089.63 Amazon EFT, seconded by Jackie. Roll call vote showed 7 ayes, 0 nays. 0 absent. Motion carried.

VISIT FROM STATE LIBRARIAN TO PROVIDE ADVICE REGARDING MASONIC BUILDING--JUNE 22

Joe informed the library board that State Librarian Mary Soucie will be visiting the Masonic building on June 22 during the Harry Potter event. Joe will go over the plans for the building with her and another State Library staff member. The State Library will provide feedback after viewing the space and plans.

REPORT FROM THE PUZZLE COMPETITION-JILL PFAFF

Jill reported that 20 teams participated in the puzzle competition, with a total of 75 people in attendance including spectators. The three fastest teams won prizes and awards. Jill also shared a video of the event.

REQUEST FOR 3 LARGE PROGRAMS AT MASONIC BUILDING BETWEEN JULY & DEC

Char made a motion to approve three large programs at the Masonic building between July and December for a total of \$1000, seconded by Jackie. Roll call vote showed 7 ayes, 0 nays. 0 absent. Motion carried.

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HISTORY SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

Joe announced his plans for a history program series that he will lead at the library. His plan is to partner with the North American Bison Discovery Center and other groups in the area.

SOUTH DAKOTA TOUR

Joe reintroduced the program idea of a tour group going to South Dakota as originally planned in 2020.

The library board decided by consensus to allow Joe to look into the tour further.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

- Joe presented statistics for the month of April

- Patron count: 4,862
- Patron cards: 8,019
- Libby/Overdrive usage: 2,151
- Hoopla usage: 425 uses for a total of \$942.88
- Item usage: 6,444
- Computer usage: 673 (ADPL) and 438 (SCL)
- Joe attended NDSL's virtual event "Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Services" April 18-19
- Joe was on a podcast with State Librarian Mary Soucie April 29
- Meetings planned for Masonic Building
 - Wills & Estate planning with Steve Ottmar – May 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
 - Harry Potter-themed event – June 22, 1-3 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 3:00 pm, ADPL.

ADJOURNMENT

Pam adjourned the meeting at 3:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Pfaff