

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Wabash Presbyterian Church- Fellowship Room

123 W Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The meeting was at the Wabash Presbyterian Church- Fellowship Room, 123 W. Hill Street, Wabash, IN, 46992. Notice was posted of this meeting pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 5- 14-1.5-5(a)(b). Members present were Bill Benysh, presiding; Rhonda Hipskind, Jim Widner, Jeff Knee, Susan Baker, Charles Miller and Mary Jo McClelland. Director Jon Gaskill was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Benysh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

Action: Charles Miller moved and Rhonda Hipskind seconded the motion to accept the Consensus Agenda. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Benysh expressed trustee concern regarding the bioswale and impediment to water on the East/Northeast side of the building.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Jo McClelland updated the trustees on Wabash Parks- the new playground is up and ready to use, and there was discussion of the splash pad next to the city pool, and discussion of the configuration of the tennis courts to accommodate pickleball courts.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Updates- no action taken.

Budget adoption

Action: A motion from Rhonda Hipskind and second from Susan Baker placed the board into the budget adoption meeting at 5:45 PM.

Action: Jim Widner made a motion to accept the 2025 annual library budget and a second from Rhonda Hipskind. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn the budget adoption meeting was made by Mary Jo McClelland and seconded by Jim Widner at 5:48 PM, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of funds from E. Pearson Gift fund to LIRF

The Library Improvement Repair Fund was used to pay for the first installment of furniture to Three Rivers Furniture, and needed to be reimbursed from the E. Pearson unrestricted gift fund. A motion was made to transfer \$154,672.24 to reimburse LIRF.

Action: Rhonda Hipskind made a motion to transfer \$154,672.24 to LIRF from the E Pearson Gift Fund. Mary Jo McClelland seconded. Motion Carried.

Library Space Policy

A policy to govern use of library meeting and study rooms was read and after discussion, approved by the board of trustees.

Action: Rhonda Hipskind moved and Charles Miller seconde. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director updated the board about furniture movement on the library premises and from the storage unit on October 28 & 29 by Guyer the Movers. Four staff members will attend the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference in November- Leah, Madelyne, Rachel and Jon. Jon was accepted and received the Jim Smith scholarship to attend Leadership Wabash County on the third Thursdays from October '24 through May, 2025. Ground work and landscaping has begun on the East end of the library property, and the additional swale installed by landscapers should keep water away from the building. The library will be closed October 9-14, 2024 and again October 28-November 15, 2024. Plenty of advance notice will be given to the public. The board briefly discussed naming rights for library spaces, Jon and Rachel's participation in the YMCA Senior Expo. Also, with the check in this month's disbursements, Jon should be able to proceed in becoming a Notary Public. Lastly, our Library re-opening will take place on November 15th at 1 PM with a ribbon cutting, ceremony and light refreshments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustees made a few comments for the good of the order, including Mary Jo recommending the library be involved in the Tobacco Free Wabash Coalition community wide baby shower on April 19th at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Action: Charles Miller moved and Susan Baker seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees, Minutes, October 8, 2024

Presented to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, read in full and adopted on November 19, 2024.

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Charles Miller

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ATTEST

Susan A Baker
Secretary, Library Board of Trustees