

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting of Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

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, September 19th, 2023. The meeting was at the Wabash Presbyterian Church Fellowship Room, 123 W Hill St, Wabash, IN, 46992. Notice was posted of this meeting pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 5-14-1.5-5(a)(b). Members present were Rhonda Hipskind, presiding; Jim Widner; Jeff Knee; Charles Miller; Mary Jo McClelland; and Susan L. Baker. Excused: Bill Benysh. Ware Wimberly, Executive Director; and Victoria Dolmanet, Technical Services Librarian, were present. Amy Ford and Dan Ernst, Earth Source, Inc., were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Rhonda Hipskind called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Databases Renewal (Newspaper Archives/My Heritage)

Trustees discussed the renewal of the Newspaper Archives database and My Heritage database. Victoria Dolmanet, Technical Services Librarian, was present to answer questions about the databases and their use by library patrons and staff. For MyHeritage, the renewal cost is \$2,817.00. For the Newspaper Archives database renewal, it is \$2,630.00. The usage has dropped, but much of that could be a byproduct of the current construction. Despite the drop, Victoria recommends that the databases are valuable tools for library patrons who do research and genealogy searches. Trustees discussed the databases and renewal. Trustees agreed to approve the renewal of both Newspaper Archives and My Heritage databases.

Action: Susan L Baker moved, and Charles Miller seconded the motion to renew the Newspaper Archives database subscription (\$2,630.00) and the MyHeritage database subscription (\$2,817.00). Motion passed.

E-rate

Trustees and Ware reviewed the forms for the library to renew the e-rate for the Funding Year 2024-2025. E-rate provides both Internet connection and Firewall services at a substantial discounted amount. The commitment to participate in the Indiana State Library's Consortium for Public Library

discussion, the Trustees agreed to proceed with the design with the plaza and pavilion. Amy and Dan will move to get cost estimates for that alternative.

Director's Report/Administrative Update

Due to the time and need for some Trustees to leave for other commitments, Trustees decided to discuss the items under the Director's Report until the November Board meeting. There was no other business that needed action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Action: Susan L. Baker moved, and Charles Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Board of Trustees, Minutes, September 19th, 2023 (Public Hearing)

Presented to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, read in full and adopted on October 24th, 2023

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ATTEST

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees