

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Call to Order: Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Nora Vieau, Sue Salter, Trina Reid, Shirley Berkley, Dana Pike, Deb Haeffner, Merry Anderson, Jim Schieble

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input:

Approval of the Agenda for December 17, 2024: Deb moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Shirley moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: SCLS Foundation up \$13,007. Withdrawal from checking of \$440 for staff year-end gifts. CDAR2 renews 1/16/25 at 5.20%. Merry moved and Shirley seconded a motion to approve Financial Secretary report. Motion carried.

Bills: Bills of \$4,471.14 submitted. Merry moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Budget Comparison: Budget on target.

Library Director's Report: Winter Reading Program signup has started and will run through January 2025.

NaNoWriMo with Valerie Biel wrapped up in December with 18 young authors participating. Holiday Train warm-up event reached about 100 people with Friends of the Library doing an amazing job. All regular programs continue to be well attended.

Holiday Recipe Swap on 12/3 had a good turnout. Currently adjusting times of book clubs to see what draws most participants. The After Hours Books Club continues to grow with 17 attendees including several people from Beaver Dam.

Upcoming Programs

Tuesday evenings in January-Beginning Piano for Adults

Book Subscription Service begins in January

January 30-Laura Wessel, Rainbow Community Care will host a program on navigating grief

February 1-Monthly Genealogy Workshop will host a presentation by Rebecca Hopman, Genealogy Services Librarian, Wisconsin Historical Society

February 6-Badger Talk with Prof. Sissel Schroeder on Uncovering Ancient Aztalan

Meetings

Library closed December 11 so staff could attend City of Columbus Christmas Party.

Staff enjoyed stepping away to meet and talk with other city employees.

November 22-In lieu of All Directors Meeting, SCLS hosted directors to help create a strategic plan for the System.

Of note, November Statistics for Visits, Items Borrowed, Digital Items Borrowed, Public Computer Use, Community Use of Rooms, and Patrons Added all exceed totals for entire year 2023.

Library Director's Goals:

Continuing to work with Public Services Department heads to collaborate on events.

Desktop under construction. Planning underway for summer reading program.

Working with Youth Services to create a Homeschool Program at the Library.

President's Report: None

Literacy Council Report: None

Friends of the Library: Friends sales of \$340 during the wine walk. Friends also participated in the Holiday train event. Blowout sales were slow.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Committees did not meet

Trustee Training: None in December

Unfinished Business: As noted in November minutes, new Annex tenant has moved in.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Jim moved and Nora seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting—January 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Respectfully submitted.

Merry Anderson, Secretary