

DODGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, May 05, 2025 at 5:00 PM

The Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 05, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Jody Vanderloo, Lisa Spady, Mary Wepking, Nancy Howard, Deb Haag, Roxanne Reynolds-Lair, Ryne Ponsler, Carrie Portz-Library Director, Carol Murphy Asst. Director

Agenda and Minutes Approval: Jody Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and there being no objections declared the meeting duly posted. The agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the April 14, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jody Vanderloo to approve the bills. First by Deb Haag, Second by Nancy Howard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nancy Howard reported funds are up a bit at this time. \$1,501,429.63 in the money market account. \$1,777,862 overall funds.

Reports and Updates

1. Director's Report: Carrie Portz reported she had several meetings in April with not quite as heavy a schedule with the short time between board meetings. "Commerce After 5", the library hosted the Chamber of Commerce networking event on March 12. We highlighted the library expansion plans and had great snacks! Sixty people attended, including the library board, members of the Historic Preservation Commission and School District Leaders. National Library Week was the first week of April. Mayor Hottmann issued a proclamation. We held an open house April 12 to celebrate, 84 people attended. Iowa County Library Committee provided the cake. Community Conversation on April 3rd around the book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. This is a collaboration with the Dodgeville School District, 4-H, Iowa County Health Dept., Mark Williamson, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

2. Building Committee Update: Received quotes from 4 moving companies ranging from \$25k to \$75k. Currently plan to close for moving from June 9 – 20, using an approved moving company, staff and volunteers. Children's Summer Programs will be held at Grace Lutheran Church and Ley Pavilion during June and July. Submitted the first payment (reimbursement) request for \$600,000 for the Flexible Facilities Grant from the State.

3. Fundraising Committee Update: Community Conversation full-length video posted on the new Dodgeville Public Library YouTube channel. Community Conversation photos were shared on Facebook. TikTok trailer video shared on Facebook and Instagram. Approximation of funds needing to be raised for the new library expansion/remodel is \$250k.

4. Friends of the Library Update: Great ideas for visibility and fund raising are coming in. The next meeting will be volunteer signup to help move the library and for recruitment for the board and committees. Also, a focus will be on specific goals and events. For example, Town Square and Farmer's Appreciation Day.

New Business

Discussion on bids that came in today, Monday, May 05 2025. Daniels Construction came in with the low bid. Motion made for the board vote to award Daniels the contract upon the bid being analyzed for correctness, bond requirements met, acknowledgement of definitions of the addendums and a check to see if all requirements are met to be qualified. First by Mary Wepking, Second by Ryne Ponsler. Motion unanimously approved.

City Council will review the bids on May 06, 2025.

The ability to whittle down certain line items in the cost of the project can still take place, ie; furnishings, interior graphics and landscape irrigation.

Vote to accept Yerges Moving and Storage to move the library June 9th through June 18th. Motion to accept the contract with Yerges for the temporary library move. First by Lisa Spady. Second by Haag. Unanimously approved.

Need to get an agreement on the return move dates and cost.

Old Business

The board member position to replace Kari McSherry needs to be filled. Advertisements to appear in the Chronicle, on Facebook and Instagram and signage at the libraries.

An Annual Board Meeting should be scheduled. Possibly in June.

Upcoming Meetings: June 2nd, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jody Vanderloo. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Murphy