

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 21, 2022

The Trustees of the Portsmouth Public Library met in special session on this date at 12:09 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct regular library business. On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Tamela Morton – President of the Board; Mrs. Kara Tieman – Secretary of the Board; and Mr. Ryan Salmons – Board Member. Dr. Charles Kemp – Vice-President; and Ms. Ruthann Brush – Board Member, joined the meeting via Zoom Conference Call. Representing the library were Paige Williams – Director; Dylan Markins – Fiscal Officer; Linda Berry – Deputy Director; and Keely Woloschek – Deputy Fiscal Officer.

On motion of Mr. Salmons, seconded by Ms. Brush and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Budget, Audit, & Expenditure Committee Meeting, Materials & Equipment Committee Meeting, Personnel Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting – May 24, 2022, are approved and ordered filed.

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mr. Salmons, the May 2022 financial reports are approved, subject to audit. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; and Dr. Kemp, yes.

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Ms. Brush, to approve the May 2022 bills in the amount of \$425,829.28 (Including Payroll) are approved. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; and Dr. Kemp, yes.

Audit, Budget & Expenditures

On motion of Mr. Salmons, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to accept and appropriate a donation of \$3,000.00 from Southern Ohio Medical Center to Library Materials – All Other #101-00-5-4900 for the Summer Reading Program. On roll call, the members voted as follows: Mrs. Morton, yes; Mrs. Tieman, yes; Mr. Salmons, yes; Ms. Brush, yes; and Dr. Kemp, yes.

Property & Extension

South Webster Stonework – Informational – On June 13, workers from Stockmeister power washed and scrubbed the stonework as scheduled. The meeting at South Webster to view the stonework in-person is scheduled for June 27.

Personnel

It is noted that the Personnel Committee has nothing to report at this time.

Materials & Equipment

It is noted that the Materials & Equipment Committee has nothing to report at this time.

Policy

It is noted that the Policy Committee has nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Director

Veterans Honor Display – Informational – From July 1-9, the Library will be featuring **Celebrating Those That Served** – a display as well as programs honoring veterans from all wars beginning with the Revolutionary War through modern times. We are asking veterans (or their families) to submit a photograph of themselves in their uniform along with their dates of service, military branch and rank. The Library will also be officially announcing our agreement with the Library of Congress to upload the veteran interviews to their website. Two programs will be offered featuring local author John McHenry whose book is about Scioto County residents in the Spanish American War and Civil War artifact collector Connie Ison will share her some of her extensive collection.

Display Complaint – The Board President, the Director and two staff members have received complaints regarding a small Pride book display in the Youth Services Department of the Portsmouth Library. As a patron checked out all the books on the display, those materials are not available for the Board or the Director to review.

Public Comment

The following people spoke during the public comment section of the meeting in regards to the Pride book display: Collin Finn, Justin Isaac, Tim Throckmorton, Sean Dunne, John Biggs, Bryan Davis, Cassie Patterson, Eric Graf, Deanna Roberts, Michelle Martin, Sheila Adkins, Jacque Evens, Abby Spears, Ridley Tonn, Justin DeLong, Mike Queen, Mike Lanning, Mike Dunham, Russell Porter, Jeannie Wilson, Christopher Neff, Jillian Johnson, Lori Davis, Dave Huffman, and Clarissa Schauseil.

On motion of Mr. Salmons, seconded by Mrs. Tieman and unanimously carried, to hold the next board meeting on the 19th day of July, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business to report.

New Business

On motion of Mrs. Tieman, seconded by Mr. Salmons and unanimously carried, to excuse Mrs. Schackart from the June 21, 2022 board meeting is approved.

Public Comment

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, adjournment was taken at 1:34 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2022.

Approved by Board at July 19th meeting, will be signed at August 16th meeting.

Tamela Morton, President

Kara Tieman, Secretary