

Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees
January 11, 2023

A meeting of the Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees was held
Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Present: The following members of the Library Board were present at the library: X Cretzmeyer, Amanda Elkins, Deborah Hatz, Pat Kenner, Bob Turnquist, Molly Logan Wilson. Also present: Alison Ames Galstad (Library Director), Ellen Alexander (Assistant Library Director), Hai Huynh (City Council Representative), Matt Bock (Library Network Services Administrator).

Absent: Lisa Mellecker.

President Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:00. Board members present introduced themselves and welcomed new board member Molly Logan Wilson.

The Board considered approval of the agenda. Hatz moved that the agenda be approved, Kenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the December 2022 meeting. Turnquist moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Kenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the bills for December. Hatz asked about ProQuest. This bill is for historical newspapers. The Ebsco bill is for print serials – this used to be much larger than it is now, as fewer magazines are published each year. LFI is for the remaining balance on the furniture and casework for the renovated areas. Hatz moved that the bills be approved as presented, Kenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt Bock, Library Network Services Administrator, gave the staff report. He reported on use of laptops (474 checked out YTD), public computer sessions (11,200 this year), and hotpot use (a little over 1000 YTD). He updated the Board on recent and upcoming projects. Current projects included: upgrading all staff and public computers to Windows 10, replacing some staff and public service desk computers, reopening all of the public computers and reinstating self-release of print jobs and charging for printing. Future projects include more laptops for checkout, digital signage, and involvement in the west wing remodel.

The Board considered election of 2023 officers. Kenner nominated the current slate of officers again: Elkins as president, Turnquist as vice president, and Hatz as secretary. Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cretzmeyer gave a report from the Friends. They did not meet in December. The next book sale will be February 3rd and 4th.

Galstad reported on behalf of the Foundation Board. Their annual campaign has brought in more than \$20,000. There was one single donation in December for \$11,000. Galstad will bring more exact figures to the next meeting.

Galstad gave the Director's Report. We've had many staff gone, and have had long weekends closed over the holidays. Programs over school break went well. The teen area and the café renovations are almost complete. Only the lighting needs to be completed in the teen area. Samira will start having regular hours in the café soon.

Elkins mentioned how wonderful the last community meal was.

Kenner asked about Winterfest. Alexander reported activities that are going on both at the Iowa River Landing and the Iowa River Power areas. The library will be doing winter storytimes and a photobooth at the Johnson County Historical Society. The photobooth will feature a historical picture of the old city hall building to commemorate the city's sesquicentennial. Alexander, Wendy Stevenson, and Annie Craycraft are all part of the 150th planning committee in some capacity. There are plans underway for an event at the library on March 26th which will involve closing the library to regular business, many displays, and will culminate in a historical talk by Rex Branstatter on the stage in front of the library hearth. We are also helping to plan some wheat pasting of historical Coralville photos on buildings around town.

Hatz motioned that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Alexander
Assistant Library Director
(Subject to approval at the February 2023 meeting.)