

PELLA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 11, 2023

Mission Statement: Pella Public Library enriches our community by welcoming, creating, and nurturing curious minds and lifelong learners.

I. Call To Order: President Brenda Huisman called the meeting to order at ___4:00___ p.m. Board members present were: Suzy Card, Nathan Copeland, Darath Fisher, Matt Van Gelder, Kristi Leonard and Dayrel Gates. Library Director Mara Strickler was present. No Board members absent.

II. Recognition of Visitors and Visitor Comments: There was one guest present.

Comments/Questions:

- Request for name plates, to better recognize and get to know the board members.
- Request for greater transparency from the board.
 - Comment stemmed from charts and graphs that were not explained.
- Requested seating arrangement be changed to better hear comments made by the board during meetings.

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was received by all Board members prior to the meeting.

- Dayrel presented a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Matt seconded.
- Motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Disposition of Minutes: All Board members received the previous month's minutes prior to the meeting.

- Darath moved to approve the minutes with stated revisions; Dayrel seconded the motion.
- Motion was unanimously approved.
 - March 8th revision: Kristi Leonard was present, attended virtually.

Special Budget Session (March 22nd) Minutes

- All Board members received the special budget session minutes prior to the meeting.
- Kristi moved to approve the minutes as presented; Darath seconded the motion.
- Motion was unanimously approved.

V. Approval of Bills: All Board members received April's list of bills prior to the meeting.

- After discussion and questions regarding the monthly bills, Matt motioned to approve the current month's bills. Nathan seconded the motion.
- Motion was unanimously approved.

At the end of February (67% through FY), annual budget of 62% spent.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- Plans for National Library Week (April 23-29th)
 - Focus on five local business partnerships to be posted on the library's website.

VII. New Business:

- No new business

VIII. President's Report and Announcements: The president did not have documented report.

- Discussed City Council attendance schedule:
 - Dayrel: April 18th

- Brenda: May 2nd
- Kristi: May 16th
- Educational document regarding Resolution 6422
 - Reviewed and approved by City and State legal.
 - Next topic: when and how to distribute document to the public.

IX. Director's Report: highlights from Director's Report

- Summer library program
 - Redesign on summer library program



- Well received and thanks from the Board.
- Statistics
 - Will not be renewing Childrens Museum, additional passes will be purchased for higher use locations.
- Many upcoming events
 - Question: How many participants attend Geri-Fit (A: 10-15 participants per session)
 - Thanks to Vermeer for supporting Tinker Tuesday event

X. Trustee Training report

- Review: In Service to Iowa
 - No review this month.
- Marion County annual Trustee training (September 7th, 2023 in Knoxville)

XI. Committee reports:

- Personnel/Nominating:
 - Quarterly long-range plan review.
- Governance/Policy
 - 4.4 Unattended Children Policy
 - Mara spoke with Pella Police Department
 - Police Department indicated the revised policy is in alignment with their practices.
 - **After discussion and questions regarding 4.4 Unattended Children Policy, Kristi motioned to approve the policy as revised. Matt seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion was unanimously approved.**
 - 5.4 Patron Assistance Policy
 - Committee recommends retaining the policy as stated.
 - **After discussion and questions regarding 5.4 Patron Assistance Policy, Matt motioned to retain the policy as stated. Nathan seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion was unanimously approved.**
 - 5.5 Computer and Internet Use Policy
 - Committee recommends retaining the policy as stated.
 - **After discussion and questions regarding 5.5 Computer and Internet Use Policy, Kristi motioned to retain the policy as stated. Dayrel seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion was unanimously approved.**

- 6.1 Collection Development Policy (59:33)
 - Committee presented revisions and requested additional board input on the policy.
 - **After discussion and questions regarding 6.1 Collection Development Policy, Nathan motioned to retain the policy as previously written. Kristi seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion was unanimously approved.**

XII. Adjournment: President Brenda Huisman adjourned the meeting at __5:00__ p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023, located in the Library's meeting room.