

Columbia Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 9, 2021

The February meeting of the Columbia Public Library was called to order at 7:00 by President Dan Bruton. Those in attendance included Rodney Schreckenberg, Barry Krizan, Cindy Waldemer, Annette Bland, David Jackson, Shane Watson, Kathleen Habermehl, Chris Trowbridge, Dan Bruton and Diane Stechmesser.

1. **Approval of Minutes** Kathleen Habermehl made motion to approve January minutes. Cindy Waldemer seconded. Motion passed.
2. **Public Comment** No requests were made to address the Board.
3. **Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Rodney Schreckenberg reviewed report. He stated revenue is ahead of budget and expenses are well below budget. Cindy Waldemer made motion to approve report. Diane Stechmesser seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Approval of Current Bills** Barry Krizan made motion to approve payment of current bills. Rodney Schreckenberg seconded. Motion passed.
5. **New Business**
 - Covid-19 Updates Reported cases in Monroe County 3850. Reported deaths 84. Our region has now moved into Phase 4. Adjustments will be made to return to Phase 4 requirements, including use of study tables, increased time for Internet use and increased hours of operation. Staff has been approved for 1c vaccination status.
 - Building Maintenance Glass has been installed at circulation desk and study table, elevator inspection completed, Certificate of Operation submitted to State Fire Marshall, HVAC repairs completed.
 - Cards for Kids Act Board discussed law which allows student who meets the poverty income guidelines reduced or no fees for library use. We would need to find the best plan to implement.
 - Continuing Education Director Annette Bland attended Rotary and Chamber meetings, Directors Chat and Directors Crash Course.
 - Board Orientation Board is invited to attend ILA Legislative Zoom Meet-Up on Monday February 22nd from 10:00 – 11:00.
 - Illinois Heartland Library System IHLS received \$125,000 grant to purchase e-cloud books. Decision was made to use grant money for needed juvenile and young adult titles.
 - Community Saved Reports from Illinois Heartland Library System indicated a savings of over three million dollars last year.
 - Fine Free Board discussed the pros/cons of eliminating library fine fees.
 - Budget FY 2022 Board discussed budget items for FY 2022 including digital platforms, minimum wage increases, maintenance contract on HVAC and increase of e-content.
 - Stats January circulation 5566, New Items 176
6. **Adjournment** Diane Stechmesser made motion to adjourn meeting. Kathleen Habermehl seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 9, 2021.

Diane Stechmesser Secretary