

Decatur Library Board of Directors
February 21, 2023
Decatur Library Conference Room

The Decatur Public Library Board of Directors met on February 21, 2023 at the library. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Nancy Rosendahl. Those attending were Kristen Tribe, Troy Bagwell, Angela Smith, Cathy Tally, Carol Ann Carson, director Dawn Wilbert and City Manager Nate Mara.

The minutes from the January meeting were presented. After review, Troy made a motion to approve. Kristen seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Dawn reported that the numbers for the library are well above 2022 numbers. The door count was 3,249 patrons for January which was an increase of 1,523 for January, 2022. There were 2,687 items in circulation, social media numbers were up and attendance for the programs are good. Finally, there were 248 items added to the consortium.

Finances are on track for the year. Dawn mentioned a representative is needed for the Library Foundation. Construction for the remodeling of the library is expected to begin in the September/October timeframe. Storage is a big issue for this. Dawn reported that Patti Gage has given 2 Lone Star storage units for 3 months for the library's use. Other storage possibilities have been looked into. The hope is to have shelves in the storage units for continued circulation. There is a planned fundraiser for September. It will be a 1920's Murder Mystery theme and the date will be announced soon. As of yet, there has been no contribution on the foundation's portion of the remodel.

Nate reported that a construction management firm will be hired to keep the project on budget. This will have the same bond issuance as the project for the police department.

Dawn reported that she has been reviewing the policies and procedures with Nate. Copies have been distributed to the staff for review. Some changes have been made and questions have been added to the library

materials form. This may go to legal for review. Troy, Carol Ann and Angela were appointed to help with this.

Nancy proposed a slate for the new officers which consisted of:

President - Angela Smith

Vice President - Cathy Tally

Secretary - Carol Ann Carson

Troy made a motion to accept the slate, Kristen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The need for a foundation representative was discussed. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Troy made a motion to appoint Joe Neil as the board's representative. Cathy Tally seconded and it passed unanimously.

Nancy announced that she was retiring from the board. She expressed her wish to be replaced by a male. The replacement would start with a 2 year commitment. Possible names were mentioned and this would require any applicants to submit their application for General Board interest from the city's website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.