

MINUTES OF THE SPARTA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 9, 2024

The September 9, 2024 meeting of the Sparta Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order in the meeting room at 6:06 p.m. by Vice-President, Peggy Petkas.

Members Present:

Don Adams	Anne Bournier
Susan Polino	Peggy Petkas
Bob Taylor	Randy Bertetto
Kyle Daniels	Andrea Schulein
Amy Kloos	
Others Present:	Susan Colbert, Library Director

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were noted. A motion was made by Anne Bournier and seconded to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report :

The treasurer's reports for the months of June through August were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Randy Bertetto and seconded to accept the treasurer's reports.

Librarian's Report - Susan Colbert

A. the following reports have been submitted:

- Live & Learn grant - July 15
- Project Next Generation - July 15

B. The following grants were awarded to the Sparta Public Library:

- Per Capita Grant - \$6081.08 - July 1, 2024 (Standards will be reviewed as in the past.)
- Technology Grant from the IL State Library - \$12, 500.00 - June 12, 2024-June 30, 2026.

C. The purpose of the Technology Grant is to improve the library infrastructure and will include the following purchases:

- 3 patron computers
- Replacement of old staff printer
- replacement of 20 yr old telephones
- wiring for children's computer plus correction of wiring under computer carrel

D. Sue Pirtle and Linda Wiley organized another successful children's summer reading program.

E. The library will continue to offer non-residents a library card for \$63.00/year.

F. The Sparta Public Library is required by the DOJ to make their websites and mobile applications

accessible for people with disabilities by April 2026.

G. Aspen Discovery is an open source search system which is library specific. It is presently integrated into the ILS system which includes Hoopla and cloudLibrary.

H. The brush piles and limbs in the front area of the library will be removed by the city.

I. There was a discussion and approval of an Open House to introduce the public to the new renovations to the library. The date selected is Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 1-3 pm.

A motion was made by Amy Kloos and seconded to accept the librarian's report. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A window washer has accepted the job of washing the library windows. Another name was mentioned as a possible person to do the job and he will also be contacted.

New Business:

A. Election of officers

A slate of officers was announced by Amy Kloos:

President - Peggy Petkas

Vice President - Randy Bertetto

Secretary - Sue Polino

Treasurer - Anne Bournier

A motion was made by Andrea Schulein and seconded to accept the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year. A vote was taken and the measure passed unanimously.

B. Committees were set up for the following year:

Building & Landscaping - Peggy, Bob, Randy

Children - Anne, Peggy, Amy

Community Relations-Randy, Andrea

Finance - Kyle, Anne, Randy

Library Policy - Don, Kyle, Amy, Sue

Memorials - Peggy, Ann, Andrea

Personnel - Bob, Amy, Don

C. Friends of the Library - Peggy Petkas

The Friends had a very successful book sale.

Glitter in the Night dinner auction is scheduled for March 29, 2025.

A motion was made by Randy Bertetto and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Polino

Sparta Library Board Secretary