

Patmos Library

Meeting of the Patmos Board of Trustees

Minutes for January 9, 2023

6:00 PM

1. OATH OF OFFICE – ALL BOARD MEMBERS

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Walton at 6:30 PM. All board members were present.

Election of Officers

President - Kathy VanZandbergen (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay: 0)

Vice President - Betty Besteman (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay :0)

Secretary - Deb Fridsma (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay :0)

Treasurer - Marcia Frobish (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay :0)

Approval of Agenda

Future Dates and Times for Board Meetings added to New Business. Standing Committees also added to New Business. Motion was made by Betty Besteman and supported by Alaina Kwiatkowski to approve the agenda of the January 9, 2023 meeting. The motion passed.

3. MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 19, 2022 was made by Marcia Frobish and supported by Larry Walton. The motion passed. A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on December 20, 2022 was made by Marcia Frobish and supported by Alaina Kwiatkowski. The motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments made by:

Steve VanderMolen

Tricia Kryda

5. RESERVED TIME

Carol Dawe - Lakeland Director

Carol addressed the board regarding our situation. She gave some history of the Lakeland Cooperative and explained their function. She listed the services that we would lose if we are no longer part of Lakeland. They include: Libby (online library), circulation and public access catalog, delivery (inter-library loans), no email, some grants, mobile apps, group discounts and purchases, and public access catalog (putting holds, checking out, etc.).

She answered questions regarding getting cards at other libraries. There is a price if they are available at all to non-residents. Also, you are limited to only checking out their physical collection; no online resources would be available.

She mentioned having to work together on a time table to figure out when we will lose access.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS AND CASH DISBURSEMENT

Motion to approve the bills for December was made by Betty Besteman and supported by Larry Walton. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay: 0).

Motion to approve the cash disbursement for December was made by Betty Besteman and supported by Alaina Kwiatkowski. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (Vote - Yea: 6 Nay: 0).

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- December statistics included comparisons from 2022. There was an increase in foot traffic and all material circulation.
- Ring (security system) has been installed and staff is almost completely trained. Installation of a few extra cameras will be installed next month.
- DHE gave us an estimate to repair our heating system in the amount of \$1,350. Kaitlin is waiting to hear back from them to know if this is a necessity or a recommendation.
- Library monitors have been installed and will be in use hopefully by the end of the week.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Director Selection Update - Based on first-round interviews, two candidates have been invited to participate in a second round in-person interview. One out-of-state candidate is available on Monday, January 16. Time to be determined.
- Motion for a special meeting to review the Depot Community Room Policy was made by Alaina Kwiatkowski and supported by Larry Walton. Motion withdrawn. Motion to refer the Depot Community Room Policy to the Policy Committee for review and report back to the board on or before the regular March board meeting was made by Betty Besteman and supported by Alaina Kwiatkowski. The motion passed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Marcia suggested we put a pause on overdue fines. Motion to refer the overdue fines discussion to the Policy Committee to report back at the February board meeting was made by Alaina Kwiatkowski and supported by Deb Fridsma. The motion passed.
- Standing committees include the following: Policy Committee, Personnel Committee and Budget Committee
- Kathy VanZandbergen appointed Marcia Frobish, Alaina Kwiatkowski and Betty Besteman to the Policy Committee. By-laws will be reviewed in the future.
- Kathy VanZandbergen deferred appointing members to the other two committees.
- Motion to adopt a regular board meeting schedule for the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 at Patmos Library was made by Betty Besteman and supported by Larry Walton. The motion passed.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Betty Besteman thanked the former board members for their service. She also asked community members to respect our librarians and keep interactions positive.
- Alaina Kwiatkowski shared her optimism for working with the community and encouraged them to reach out if they have questions or concerns. She also asked the community members to be respectful and grateful to library staff.
- Deb Fridsma once again asked community members to seek out the pornographic/graphic sexual content mentioned repeatedly during past public comment and bring it to the board. She shared her disappointment and sadness that the truth has not been portrayed to the community.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marcia Frobish and supported by Alaina Kwiatkowski to adjourn. The motion passed. Adjournment at 7:49 PM.