

## DAUGHERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2024

Daugherty Public Library - 7:00 pm

**Board members present:** LaCroix, Martin, Cleveland, Aguirre, Kuni, Kolbe

**Board members absent:** Branson

**Librarian present:** Carol Brockmeyer

**Community members in attendance:** none

The August 6, 2024 Library Board meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by president Kim Kuni.

Minutes of the July 2, 2024 board meeting were read by ID Cleveland (acting secretary in absence of Marlene Kolbe at July board meeting). Motion made by Aguirre, second by LaCroix, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed (6-0). Minutes will be filed for audit.

Minutes of the June 4, 2024 library board meeting were read by Marlene Kolbe. Corrections were made to the report of the finance committee. A motion was made by Aguirre, second by LaCroix to accept the minutes contingent upon corrections. Motion passed (6-0), corrected minutes will be filed for audit.

Bills and Expenses for the month of August were presented and discussed. A question arose about the tax money collected and if the library was receiving the correct amount of tax money delegated. Board member Aguirre is to ask Shawn Drury if the Township office is current in the replacement tax entitlement due to the library. A motion was made by Aguirre, second by LaCroix, to accept the bills as presented and to ratify the expenses paid. Motion passed (6-0) and bills and expenses will be filed for audit.

**Librarian's report:** Carol presented a tentative 2024-2025 budget. The budget reflects a 5% increase in expenses as allowed by law, for the oncoming business year. The 2024-25 tentative budget was discussed. Carol mentioned that the 2023-24 expenses were well within the 2023-24 proposed budget and feels the proposed 2024-25 budget will be adequate for the 2024-25 business year. Motion made by Kolbe, second by Martin to accept the 2024-25 budget. Motion passed (6-0). Budget will be filed for audit. Carol reminded the board that the non resident library fee will be \$63.00, an increase from \$60.00.

The Summer Reading Program has ended – 30-35 students attended each day with a high of 40 students for one day.

The ILPR is due September 1, 2024 and Carol is working on it.

Kim Kuni and ID Cleveland will read the 2023-24 board minutes and sign that they have reviewed the minutes as required by law.

The Region's Bank accounts, business and or savings, will be closed as soon as possible

Carol has received communication from Mitch Essert of State Farm Insurance that the insurance premium renewal will increase to \$7,037 per year, an approximate 30% increase. Mitch gave options for reducing the premium to about \$5,900 per year. To date the library is policy is renewed at a value of \$1,399,100 on building, \$757,200 on contents. The policy renews on September 1, 2024. After much discussion, a motion was made to pay the \$7,037 premium – motion made by Aguirre, second by LaCroix – motion passed (5-1) (roll call vote: Martin, Kuni, Aguirre, LaCroix, Cleveland -Aye; Kolbe - Nay; - Branson – absent)