

**Date November 19, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**

✓ Barbara Bolton xTodd Bruce ✓Lenda Carrillo ✓ Margaret Egli ✓ Barbara Forney ✓Dan Gannon ✓ Vicki Gehrt ✓Will Majarian ✓Brenda Mercomes ✓Pattie Morgan Miller ✓Claire Murray ✓\_ Barbara Necarsulmer ✓ Loren Pearson ✓ Brad Peiper x\_Leah Reynolds ✓ Lee Sausen ✓Corrine Sweeney ✓ Collis Townsend

*16 present (Trustees)-Quorum achieved*

Guests: Chris Manna, Mary Hutchins, Tony Talbert, Mandy Lake

<b>Agenda items</b>
<b>OPENING OF MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m.
<b>PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS</b>
<b>MOTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barbara Forney made the motion to approve the October Board meeting minutes. Peter seconded, the motion passed.</li> </ul>
<b>DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b>
Highlights from his report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership on winter feedings moving ahead, Peter will run Jan 4 event</li> <li>Following up on potential to proactively manage complaints from individual challenging some Library material as pornographic. Lawyer suggests having a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vet collection policy- which is based on American Library Assn. We can ask ALA to review.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
<b>Finance (Lee) –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee reviewed the forecast for this year’s budget, we appear to be on track to finish the year at break even.</li> <li>We continue to pay down the line of credit as funds are received.</li> <li>Discussed options for handling the \$1.5 M short fall between building cost and funds raised. New Carden Twp is still considering an additional \$200K. What is confidence level of collecting outstanding pledges?</li> <li>We borrowed \$2M from our reserves. We intended to pay it back but is that now the prudent thing to do? How much in reserves do we need? We want enough to cover funding shortfalls and other emergencies. Finance Committee to discuss at next meeting which will be scheduled for early January.</li> </ul>

**Kennett Library**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Agenda items**

- Not all municipalities have paid their final contributions. The municipal representatives should reach out.

**New Building/Operations**

- Small list of building issues and follow-ups with HSI and EDIS as well as other contractors who may complete work original ones did not.
- \$650 K HUD grant approved, funds should be received by end of year. Additional \$100 K of grant should be submitted by end of year.
- Brad noted that the committee will lose 2 members when his and Loren's terms expire next month. Please volunteer if interested!

**Nominating (Barbara F.)** The committee is evaluating a few candidates for the Board and will be conducting interviews. We are fortunate to be generating interest among very qualified candidates.

**Development/Advancement (Mary)**

- Annual appeal in mail by end of week. Delays due to new printer. However, we continue to receive donations and have already exceeded the budgeted amount.
- Plans proceeding for Starlight Soiree, tickets will be same price as last year.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Brad showed proposed location for flagpole. Chris will contact those who enquired and offered to pay to install.

Motion by Brad to approve installation of flagpole pending full funding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Loren. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Barbara F made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m which was seconded by Barbara N. Unanimous approval.

The next meeting along with the Annual Reorganizational Meeting are scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Necarsulmer, Secretary