

Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

February 7, 2024

The GPL Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Wray at 5:29 p.m. Present and attending in person were Painter, Wray, Wilson, Stickrod, Taenzler, and Hines.

Introduction of Guests: There were no guests present.

Consent Agenda: Painter mentioned the Enrich Iowa money will be used to fix up the teen space. Motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Wilson, 2nd by Taenzler. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hines, Wray, Stickrod, Wilson and Taenzler. Nays: 0.

Correspondence: Painter received a nice note commending her presentation on the library's budget from city council member Christina Duran.

Director's Report: As written. Painter reported the library was closed due to weather. The mayor decides weather-related closures according to city policy. Painter talked to Silver City board member, Phyllis Boyer, at the county supervisors meeting and received a nice thank you note for her help. The coat rack in the children's department fell over because of all the backpacks. They're putting it back up but will do something different. Amber wants to increase programming. Painter only spends donations on that line item. Staff Day was held.

Committees and Reports:

Friends Report: Seven people attended the last meeting. Taenzler reported they still don't have a secretary. There was a fundraiser in honor of Donna Bishop and the money was donated to the friends group.

Foundation Report: The Foundation didn't meet. Hines volunteered to be library board liaison until her term is up in June. Painter will let her know when the foundation plans to meet.

Painter requested a budget committee because she's expecting ongoing changes to the library's budget with the expected cuts to the city. Wilson and Taenzler volunteered to serve on the committee. Painter will be making cuts to DVD's and marking postage down. Switching to Western Iowa Network will save money. She's working on keeping salary levels as they are.

Old Business:

Mills County Grant Update: Painter is going for a new circulation desk upstairs. She's asking the Mills County Foundation for the \$6500 needed.

New Business:

- 1. Budget Adjustment:** Discussed above.

2. **Western Iowa Networks Fiber:** Will be a significant savings. Motion to sign the contract with Western Iowa Networks was made by Hines, 2nd by Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wray, Taenzler, Stickrod, Wilson and Hines. Nays: 0.
3. **April Board Meeting Date:** Painter will be gone to ALA conference. Motion to change the board meeting to Wednesday, April 10, was made by Stickrod, 2nd by Wilson. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Cell Phone/Tablet:** Painter requested a cell phone for the library. She has money in the office supply budget. Looking at getting an iPhone 13, iPad 9th generation. Motion to approve purchase of phone and tablet made by Taenzler, 2nd by Hines. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wray, Taenzler, Stickrod, Wilson and Hines. Nays: 0.
5. **Ramp Repair:** The library only received one bid. Full repair, or caulk it? Motion to do the full ramp repair was made by Taenzler, 2nd by Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wray, Taenzler, Stickrod, Wilson and Hines. Nays: 0.
6. **Vestibule Update:** Still only have one bid. Insurance refuses to move forward. The second company came and measured but hasn't submitted their bid yet.
7. **SSB 3131:** Painter reported the Senate Study bill has been withdrawn to rewrite it. State government doesn't want local control over libraries anymore, looking to have the cities to run the libraries and eliminate boards. Stickrod announced there will be a legislative coffee Saturday morning in Emerson.
8. **RAGBRAI:** Library has a request from a person to stay at the library. Motion to allow Ragbrai participants to camp in the side yard for a freewill donation was made by Hines, 2nd by Wilson. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Iowa Library Trustees Handbook – Chapter 1:** Painter pointed out the annual requirement that the library board reviews the city's library ordinance. That's what the senate bill wants to eliminate. Bill would repeal Iowa Code 392.5 protecting library boards of trustees and policies. Painter said it would be great if board members could attend the special online session addressing this issue tonight.

Questions and Comments: Wray asked if there were any questions from the new board members? Taenzler mentioned she'd already talked to Painter and had her questions answered.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Wilson, 2nd by Hines. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Debra Hines, Secretary

Bob Wray, President

