

Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

March 3, 2021

The GPL Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Wray at 5:30 pm. Present were Wray, Thrane, George, Painter, Duran and Hines. George, Duran and Hines attended via Zoom.

There were no guests.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by George, 2nd by Thrane. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran, Hines. Nays 0.

There was no correspondence.

Director's Report: As written. Painter reported on the library's sewer issue. The camera revealed that the sewer line runs under cement and it's not clear what needs to be done. The excavation company is heavily booked and will try to fit the library in when they can. Discussion followed regarding the Building and Grounds budget and the staff's limited use of the downstairs bathrooms.

Committees and Reports: There was no Friends Report. George reported that the Foundation did not meet. The Building Committee had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Library Re-opening: Painter reported that the library is currently open at the Phase Three level: Tuesday and Thursdays 10am-4pm. She reported a 50/50 split between patron in-person and curbside service. Painter anticipates libraries continuing curbside service once GPL is fully open. Beginning March 22, 2021, the library will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturdays are out until part-time staff is hired. Painter will advertise for two part-time positions.

Library Hours: Painter requested changing the library's hours once GPL is fully open to: MW 9am-7pm, TTh 10am-6pm, F 9am-6pm, and Sat. 9-1:30. A motion to change the library's hours on a month's trial basis was made by Hines, 2nd by George. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

New Business:

Children's Librarian Update: Painter has hired Samantha Abbott. Her first day is tomorrow. Painter highlighted Abbott's experience and qualifications. George brought up the topic of Bedtime Storytime on Facebook Live.

Computer Maintenance Upgrades: Painter pointed out that Oxen's rate increase is steep, but the company offers cutting-edge security.

Sewer Backup: The subject was already discussed earlier in Painter's Director's Report.

October Board Meeting Date: Painter requested October's board meeting be changed as it conflicts with an important conference she is attending. After some discussion a motion to change the board meeting from Wednesday, October 6, to Wednesday, October 13 was made by Duran, 2nd by George. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

Iowa Library Trustees Handbook – Chapter 1: A brief discussion followed. Comments were made on the new handbook's nice layout and the document's easy online accessibility.

Questions and Comments: Painter mentioned the online trustee training offered on March 29. She said she would be happy to host if anyone is interested in coming down to the library and she will send a link to those who want to attend at home. She will email the board with more details.

Wray discussed censoring the Dr. Seuss books because of objectional references. After a brief conversation the board decided that it was the parents' job to decide which books their children should have access to.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by George, 2nd by Duran. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Debra Hines, Secretary

Bob Wray, President