

Greene Public Library

231 West Traer Street P.O. Box 280 Greene, Iowa 50636

Phone 641 816 5642 ~ Fax 641 816 4838 ~ email gpl@myomnitel.com

November 2, 2023

The Greene Library Board met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:10 pm in the library meeting room. Present were Barbara Brunsma, presiding, Andrea Ramker, Ann Thomason, Kathi Stuntz, Jay Majewski and Patrick Derdzinski. Also in attendance were Library Director Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Mayor Warren Van Dyke and Marilyn Folkers.

Motion by Kathi Stuntz, second by Jay Majewski to approve the agenda and minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Statement was presented by Andrea Ramker. Motion by Patrick Derdzinski to approve Claims Report 10/06/2023 to 11/02/2023 for \$9,999.40. Second by Andrea Ramker. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Director's report was presented by Lyndsie Pitzenberger. The library has received a donation from the Ann Graven Estate to be used for building improvement and/or library equipment. Sections of the Iowa Code for Libraries was reviewed that included the following: The library board can shift money between line items; Cities cannot confiscate library money to pay other expenses; Library funds cannot be used to give gifts, memorials etc.; City clerks must provide report to library within 15 days after city council meetings.

Correspondence: None

Visitor's Comments: Mayor Warren Van Dyke indicated health insurance costs are going up 7.5% and there will be less dollars coming from the state. Some part-time employees may be reduced and the new bridge and tree removal have added to city costs.

Unfinished Business: Kathi and Patrick gave wage recommendation report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Recommended wage increase was 3.7%. Library hours was discussed. Since the library has new employees, it was discussed to maintain Monday evenings available to the public. Motion by Patrick Derdzinski, seconded by Ann Thomason to keep Monday evening hours. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. The 2024-2025 budget was reviewed. Decisions on budget are deferred to the December meeting to have a better estimate of insurance costs.

New Business: Barbara Brunsma discussed recognition of staff. Library trustees provide a free will donation. Committees for Calendar Year 2024 Include: Budget Committee is Kathi Stuntz, Ann Thomason and Andrea Ramker; Evaluation Committee is Barbara Brunsma; Recognition Committee is Barbara Brunsma; Financial Committee is Jay Majewski and Daniel Castle; Wage Committee is Patrick Derdzinski and Kathi Stuntz.

Financial Committee Report: Jay Majewski indicated in 2018, the investment account was around \$400,000 and today it's near \$700,000. The Veridian CD is at 4.66% and expires on April 21, 2024 and can be renewed between April 4 – May 1, 2024.

Other: Reminder that the next Library Boardroom series is November 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

At 5:55 pm, motion by Andrea Ramker, second by Ann Thomason to adjourn meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Signed:

Pat Derdzinski, Secretary