

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Community Room

188 W Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The meeting was held at the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 188 W. Hill Street, Wabash, IN, 46992. Notice was posted of this meeting pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 5-14-1.5-5(a)(b). Members present were Bill Benysh, presiding; Rhonda Hipskind, Jim Widner, Jeff Knee, Susan Baker, Charles Miller and Mary Jo McClelland. Director Jon Gaskill was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Benysh called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

Action: Rhonda Hipskind moved and Mary Jo McClelland seconded the motion to accept the Consensus Agenda. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Benysh expressed gratitude and congratulations for an excellent grand reopening ceremony and support from the board and the staff throughout the construction project.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Jo McClelland had no updates, the Wabash Parks did not meet in November with no business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to purchase book drop

Action: Rhonda Hipskind motioned and Jim Widner seconded a purchase of a new book drop to be installed on the alley on the north end of the building per the bid specs, motion carried.

Policy Schedule

The board heard from Director Gaskill about an updated listing of policies, both internal and public on display on the website. Each policy will be reviewed yearly and approved as necessary with changes. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of WCPL Patron Behavior Policy

An updated Patron Behavior Policy was presented to the board of trustees. It replaces prior policy and deprecates the "Guidelines for Child Safety in the Library" document on the website, combining all patrons under one umbrella.

Action: Charlie Miller made a motion. Mary Jo McClelland seconded. Motion Carried.

WCPL Salary Schedule & Benefits Package

Discussion took place on the WCPL 2025 salary schedule and benefits package, and item was tabled until the December board meeting. Motion was made to table by Charlie Miller, seconded by Susan Baker. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director updated the board about the director's report, expressed gratitude to the board for their support and hard work as stewards of the public trust. WCPL now has a Notary Public, as Jon's commission was approved by Secretary of State Morales. The next board meeting is Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30 PM at the library.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustees made a few comments for the good of the order. Jim Widner suggested Jon research the pay study done by Sara Peterson and to call the Pay Schedule a Salary Range Schedule. No further comments were made for the good of the order.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Action: Charles Miller moved and Mary Jo McClelland seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees, Minutes, November 19, 2024

Presented to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, read in full and adopted on December 17, 2024.

Jessie A Baker

Chonda H. Skusd

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Chas. Miller

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Mary Jo McClelland

ATTEST

Jessie A Baker

Secretary, Library Board of Trustees