



**ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**I. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Antioch Public Library District was called to order by President Becky Masik Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. in the Eide Room at the Library.**

**Present:**

- **Library Board Members: Becky Masik, Paul Hettich, Toni Leprich, Debbie York and Susan Moore**
- **Absent Board Members: Robert Altman and Ryan Haley**
- **Library Staff Members: Jennifer Drinka, Kathy Deaner, Amy Blue and Sam Langford**
- **Citizens: Cristina Bomben Allegrini, Graham Harwood and Sari Brindel**

**II. Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

**A. Toni Leprich moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 Board meeting. Paul Hettich seconded. All voted aye.**

**III. Approval of Bills and Payroll**

**Susan Moore moved to approve bills and payroll, Paul Hettich seconded. On a roll call vote: Paul Hettich, aye; Susan Moore, aye; Debbie York, aye; Toni Leprich, aye; and Becky Masik, aye.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

**Becky Masik shared Ryan Haley's report that there is \$437,313.33 in the operating account and \$850.33 in the small checking account.**

## **V. President's Comments**

**Becky Masik thanked everyone for being here.**

**Becky asked for a motion to amend the agenda to go to item IX. A. Unfinished Business Capital Improvement Project. Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded the motion. All voted aye.**

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Capital Improvement Project**

**i. Cristina reported final punch list items are being addressed by Henry Brothers. Monument sign and parking lot striping projected to be installed end of July. Project completion is on schedule for second quarter 2023. The project continues to track within budget.**

**ii. Approval to issue payment for Henry Brothers Payment Application #17 in the sum of \$207,051.25. Susan Moore moved to issue payment for Henry Brothers Payment Application #17 in the sum of \$207,051.25. Paul Hettich seconded. Paul Hettich, aye; Susan Moore, aye; Debbie York, aye; Toni Leprich, aye; and Becky Masik, aye.**

**Cristina Bomben Allegrini and Graham Harwood left the meeting at 7:13pm. Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded the motion to return to regular agenda. All aye.**

## **VI. Notices and Communications**

### **A. Former President Obama Letter to Library Workers**

**Becky Masik mentioned there was a letter from former President Obama in everyone's Board Packet expressing his support for libraries and library workers.**

### **B. Donald Fencil Donation**

**Becky stated the Library received another \$200 donation from Donald Fencil.**

**C. Catherine Myers & Steve Gomulka Donation**

**Becky reported the Library received a \$200 donation from Catherine Myers and Steve Gomulka.**

**D. Becky read a letter from the Antioch Recovery Club stating they had applied for a non-homestead property tax exemption.**

**E. Becky read a letter from a patron happy with the Teen Lit Box reflecting items from the Philippines.**

**F. Becky read a couple of thank you emails from staff for a recent pay increase and for the Library's appreciation for their work with the Open House.**

**G. TIF Meeting invitations & Report. Becky reported on the Antioch Corporate Center TIF District Joint Review Board meeting that was held on July 17 at the Village Hall. There were no new actions from the meeting, it is a yearly meeting.**

**H. Amy Blue reviewed an email from Friend's volunteer, Ruby Hall, regarding her disappointment with displays from our Children's Summer Reading Program. Sari Brindel, who was in attendance at the Board Meeting stated this was an individual's opinion and not the opinion of the entire Friend's group.**

**VII. Library Director's Report**

**A. Overview of Reports**

**Jennifer Drinka reported physical circulation is up 61%, Reference questions were up 112%, new cards were up 25%, program attendance was up 45%, door count was up 185% and downloads were up 51%. Many new patrons in the Library. Jennifer said some management staff and herself had an unemployment hearing and the Library won.**



## **B. Personnel Changes**

**i. Saundra (Sandy) Doetsch (15-year award).** Sandy was not able to attend the meeting so Jennifer will present Sandy with her service award and a check for \$150.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

### **A. Board Corner**

*Robert Altman – Absent*

*Ryan Haley – Absent*

*Toni Leprich – Happy with the Library.*

*Paul Hettich – None.*

*Susan Moore – Great patron comments.*

*Deborah York – With all the percentage increases, the town is supporting the Library. There is a lot to be proud of.*

### **B. Citizen's Comments**

**None.**

### **C. Staff Comments**

**Amy Blue** said there are many new patrons in the study rooms. **Jennifer** said staff were working on a mental health display and a Barbie TikTok video. Patrons like the Friends bookstore.

### **D. Friends Report**

**Sari Brindel** reported July has been a busy month. The Friends participated in the Taste of Antioch and had books for sale. Many people stopped by. Need more donations for book sale.

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

**A. Capital Improvement Project** was reported on earlier in the meeting.

**B. Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiencies**

**The Committee first met prior to the Board Meeting.**

**X. New Business**

**A. In-Service Day Closure: October 13, 2023**

**Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded a motion to approve October 13, 2023 for In-Service Day Closure. All voted aye.**

**B. Election Day Polling Site for 3/19/24 and 11/5/24**

**Toni Leprich moved and Paul Hettich seconded a motion to allow the Library to be an Election Day Polling Site for 3/19/24 and 11/5/24. Jennifer said Lake County Clerk Anthony Vega toured the Library to see the facility. This is not a done deal yet. If the Library is chosen, 3/19/24 the Library would remain open, however, 11/5/24 the Library would be closed. All voted aye.**

**C. Resolution 23-4 to Make Certain Closed Session Meeting Minutes Available for Public Inspection**

**Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-4 to Make Certain Closed Session Meeting Minutes Available for Public Inspection. Jennifer Drinka said she would only like to keep the April 2023 Minutes still closed. All voted aye.**

**D. Resolution 23-5 to destroy old closed session audio recordings**

**Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-5 to destroy old closed session audio recordings. All voted aye.**

**XI. Closed Session if necessary**

**Closed session was not necessary.**

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Susan Moore moved and Paul Hettich seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:54pm. All voted aye.**



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**Susan Moore, Secretary**