

Franklin Grove Public Library

Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:03 p.m.

Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance – Roll call vote - Trustees: President Patti Forrester, Susie Murphy, Marilyn Spangler, Ruth Newcomer, Julie Grendahl – arrived 6:30 p.m.

Director – Amy Runkle

Absent: Leigh Delhotal

Recognition of visitors: Annie Etchison

Public comments –

A. Approval of Minutes – March 2025 Motion presented by Ruth Newcomer 2nd by Marilyn Spangler. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report – March 2025 File for audit. Motion presented by Marilyn Spangler 2nd by Ruth Newcomer, Motion approved with a Roll Call vote Yes = 4, No=0

C. Ratify Bills and payments for March. Motion presented by Marilyn Spangler, 2nd by Susie Murphy. Motion approved by a Roll Call vote Yes=4 No=0

D. Director's Report – Movie night will be held on a Thursday in April 5:30-7:00. Master Gardner by Lee County Extension was a big hit with Fairy Gardens. Dr. Seuss week celebrated with a happy and fun event each day. Lunch and a Movie of Rear Window, and served with Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn with 10 in attendance. Pi Day had a good turnout for celebrating Pi day with 25 attending and purchasing pie. Meet the candidates night was held with 41 in attendance. Sewing Club with 7 children in attendance with Julie and Sandi leading the event.

Unfinished Business

A. Fire Proof cabinets – cabinets arrived dented and in not good shape. Director contacted company for a return and refund. The final return amount the company is willing to adjust refund for %50 of cost without shipping back to China. (\$3000 original cost so we would get 50%). Motion to settle for refund of 50% by Julie Grendahl, Ruth Newcomer 2nd. Motion Carried. Roll Call vote Yes = 5, No = 0.

B. Air Ducts/dampers: Director contacted M&M and Triton with Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning. Director will receive a few more bids and this issue will be revisited in May.

New Business

A. Mowing Bids from All Around Lawn Care, Lee's Lawn Care, Jack's Lawn Care. A motion to accept By Ruth Newcomer to accept Lee's Lawn Care bid with proof of Certificate of Insurance, Julie Grendahl 2nd. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote Yes= 5 No= 0.

A Motion by Susie Murphy and 2nd by Marilyn Spangler to accept Jack's Lawn Care bid if Lee's Lawn Care does not provide Certificate of Insurance. Roll Call vote Yes =5 No =0. Motion Carried

B. AFC School Library Donation – Director to make a 1-time donation from special fund. Julie Grendahl motion to donate to AFC School library fund \$1000.00 divided ½ to High School, ½ to Elementary School to be used as needed best. No 2nd. Motion has died.

To be tabled for more information to be discussed in May meeting.

C. News Bank – Renewal cost will be \$980 for one year. A request presented by Director to terminate subscription when it ends and not renew. Roll Call Vote Yes = 5 No =0

D. Serials Catalog completion for staff member. CeCe will receive .50 per hour for completion of course to begin April 1, 2025.

E. Budget Amendment – Programs, Audit, Legal, and Insurance has been adjusted per provided information from Director. Motion by Ruth Newcomer, 2nd by Julie Grendahl to approve as amended. Roll Call Vote Yes = 5 No=0

Miscellaneous items:

A. Ruth Newcomer as treasurer has provided CD information sheet from FNBA as of 3/28/25.

Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to 5Lc120-2

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

Finance Committee – Ruth Newcomer, Julie Grendahl
Personnel Committee – Leigh Delhotal (Staff Policy Manual)
Policy Committee –Leigh Delhotal, Julie Grendahl
Building & Maintenance – Marilyn Spangler, Susie Murphy, Ruth Newcomer
Ad Hoc Committee- Susie Murphy, Marilyn Spangler (Long range library plan).