

Franklin Grove Public Library

Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order- at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance – Roll call vote - Trustees: President Patti Forrester, Susie Murphy, Marilyn Spangler, Julie Grendahl,, Ruth Newcomer

Director – Amy Runkle

Absent: Leigh Delhotal

Recognition of visitors:

Public comments –

A. Approval of Minutes – February 2025 Motion presented by Ruth Newcomer 2nd by Julie Grendahl . Motion carried.

B. Treasurer’s Report – February 2025 File for audit. Motion presented by Susie Murphy 2nd by Marilyn Spangler, Motion approved with a Roll Call vote Yes = 5, No=0

C. Ratify Bills and payments for February. Motion presented by Julie Grendahl, 2nd by Ruth Newcomer. Motion approved by a Roll Call vote Yes=5 No=0

D. Director’s Report – Monthly Valentine craft was handed out with 65 taken. Valentine Bracelets craft had 8 participants that made 2 bracelets and decorated sugar cookies. Movie Night participants enjoyed Gnomeo & Juliet, Lunch & a movie had 13 in attendance with pizza and desserts served. Blind Date with a book had 5 participants. The Juvenile Book Club will be revisited again in the Fall. Story time is enjoyed weekly.

Unfinished Business

A. Legal – A bill from attorney office for review of Trust document. Payment did go out and was approved by roll call vote during bill ratification.

New Business

A. CD accounts – Amboy Bank rates are low comparably at Edward Jones, which are higher, and other nearby financial institutions. Proposed by Julie Grendahl to review available rates next time CD comes up, and / or negotiates rates with current holding institution. Ruth Newcomer as treasurer will provide CD accounts and current dates of maturity.

B. ART Show suggestions to be considered.

1. Purchase an additional banner to be placed so 2 banners can be viewed from multiple directions in front of library.
2. How is show publicized for entries?
3. How are entries categorized for judging?
4. Include digital photography as defined or computerized with filters. AI generated as a separate category?

Marilyn Spangler presented motion to accept Patti Forrester as chairman of the Art show and Julie Grundahl as 2nd chair. Motion carries

C. Fire Alarm Company Contract – Director suggest PerMar as fire panel contract, and eliminating Johnson Control contract. Director will send a 30-day notice to stop Johnson Control contract. Julie Grendahl motioned to eliminate Johnson Control Contract, Susie Murphy 2nd. Roll Call vote Yes =5 No=0 Motion carried.

Miscellaneous items:

A. Director has a copy of current insurance policy on file.

B. A much-appreciated charitable donation was provided from the John R. Buck Giving Fund to be used where it's needed most. Secretary sent a thank you note.

C. The annual Knox Charitable Trust distribution for 2024 was received, along with information from Trustee William LeFevre.

Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to 5Lc120-2

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 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).