

The regular monthly meeting of the Paden City Library Board on February 17, 2025 was called to order by President Joanna Casto. She was joined at the meeting by Margaret Sine, Rick Bertozzi, Barbara Slider, and library director Danielle Ice-Davis. Absent was member Tim Hizer.

Following the reading of the January minutes, motion to approve was made by Margaret Sine and seconded by Rick Bertozzi. Motion passed. After the monthly financial report was reviewed, Barbara Slider moved for its acceptance, and Joanna Casto seconded the motion. It also passed.

Library director's report: Since construction of the new restrooms is complete, regular programs, including preschool story hour, have resumed. Lego Club continues, and Take Your Child to the Library Day was well-attended. A representative from WV Adult Education will be present the afternoon of March 25 to make information available on their services. March 24 is Library Day at the WV Legislature, and Ms. Ice-Davis plans to attend.

The director reported that things are in flux with the WV Library Commission with staffing changes and possibly more reconfiguration. She also said that a couple of quality local volunteers have come along at a good time and have been very helpful. On another note, working issues recently arose with the public computers, issues that have been promptly addressed by regional tech support. Two of the computers are still out for that purpose. Regarding ADA accessibility of the library website: our website host Streamline is advising the director in needed updates.

Old Business: Problems with the copier have possibly been handled for now by the purchase of a new drum, a relatively minor expense, which may fix the problem. It will be installed by Josh Veyon. The Senior Center lease is in the process of being finalized with signatures. Currently-due policy manual reviews were completed by the group with minor changes. Ms. Ice-Davis continues in the process of reformatting the manual. She also reported that she has already begun sharing lists of library donations in local newspapers.

New Business: A wonderful unexpected gift of \$5000 has been received from the Carson Turner Trust, to be used for books and literacy. The director plans to use some of those funds for shelf dividers to more clearly indicate subject groups on non-fiction shelves, and others.

Some items for future consideration: A yearly subscription to an ASL online platform; also, the possibility of obtaining a popular Iditarod speaker with her sled dog for the summer reading program, a major expense. Since money set aside for the new restrooms was not all needed, Margaret Sine proposed that we look into purchasing a storage building to increase library storage space.

The Wifi Hotspot units have all been signed without being returned and are now considered stolen. In an effort to recover them, Rick Bertozzi offered to speak to the chief of police about paying visits to the delinquent individuals.

A request from Jill Householder, TCHS teacher, to allow the sale of candy bars at the library as a fundraiser for a future student trip was approved. Also approved was a request from library director Danielle Ice-Davis to take her vacation from March 3-13.

The director made the board aware of some problems caused by a patron who overstays. She will continue to look for ways to set appropriate boundaries.

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary