

The March 17, 2025 meeting of the Paden City Library Board was called to order by President Joanna Casto, who was joined by board members Rick Bertozzi and Barbara Slider, and library director Danielle Ice-Davis. Absent were members Margaret Sine and Tim Hizer. Minutes of the February meeting were read, and approved following a motion by Rick Bertozzi and a second by Joanna Casto. Motion to accept the monthly financial report was made by Barbara Slider and seconded by Rick Bertozzi. Motion carried.

Library director's report: Library Legislative Day at the WV Legislature is set for Monday, March 24. Journey Hospice will offer a bereavement support group at the library on March 27. The monthly Lego Club has been moved from Thursday to Tuesday. There are seven varied quality programs now scheduled for the Summer Reading Program, ranging from magic to Noggin, the Sled Dog. Members were encouraged to be informed about a current Presidential executive order which may affect future library funding in the U. S.

Old Business: The copier, as hoped, has been repaired with the replacement of a part. As a result of action taken after last month's meeting, one HotSpot unit has been returned, with one lost. The director is working on some changes to the HotSpot lending agreement in an effort to prevent recurrence of some of the problems being experienced.

The final details on the new bathrooms have been completed by the contractor, and the improvement was publicized in the local newspapers.

New Business: The board was in agreement with the director purchasing a new bookshelf for the children's section. It was also agreed that she will close the facility on Library Day 3/24. Assistant librarian Sarah Veyon will accompany Ms. Ice-Davis to Charleston and assist her in setting up the local library display. There were also no problems seen with the director giving a "seed library" a try.

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the DAR has donated a collection of patriotic-themed children's books to our library. Neoma Spratt, one of their members, had asked for permission to leave her books of original poetry for sale, with all proceeds to go to Tunnel to Towers. There were no objections.

Spring Fling will be held online April 2-4, and inservice training will be given in Moundsville May 9.

In continuing to look for ways to increase storage space, Rick Bertozzi suggested a built-out area from the back door. He will speak to contractor Dave Hunt about the possibilities.

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary