

ADA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES April 19, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

The Ada Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Erin Chrissobolis, present; Connie Fleming present; Steve Johnson, present; Jamie Wills, absent; Noah Ristau, present; Bethany Spieth, present; and Ann Donnelly Hamilton, present.

The minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting were approved by the Board as previously distributed.

Jamie Wills arrived 9:11 a.m.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. The Fiscal Officer presented the Financial Report which includes a Receipts report, Payment Report, Income Statement, and Bank Reconciliation (see attachment A).
- B. Additionally, the Fiscal Offer reported that the PLF revenue for April was \$13,767.73 from Hardin County and \$629.27 from Hancock County.

After discussion, Bethany Spieth moved, seconded by Connie Fleming to accept the fiscal officer's reports. Roll call: All yea. Motion carried.

Connie also commented that the Ada Exempted Village Schools had approved the necessary levy resolution so we can proceed with the levy renewal on November 2, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE: none.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT from Rhett Grant (see attachment B).

Board members and the Director discussed the various social media and print platforms used to advertise the summer reading program. They discussed whether or not to solicit donations from area businesses for the summer reading program, because of economic problems created by the Coronavirus. They decided that we should reach out to the area businesses and give the business the opportunity to participate if they choose.

There was a discussion concerning performers for the summer reading program. Some Board members expressed an interest in looking for local performers to reduce risk of COVID 19 transmission and others felt that any performer was appropriate as long as we were complying with CDC, State, and County safety regulations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steve Johnson – Chairperson—Building & Grounds. **Nothing to report.**

Connie Fleming – Chairperson—Audit/Finance/Investment. **Nothing to report.**

Jamie Wills – Chairperson – Publicity-Library Relations/Services (includes Employee

Recognition). **Board members thanks Jamie and Noah for their work on the gifts and letter for the staff for staff appreciation day.**

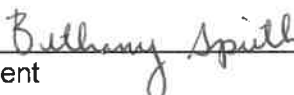
Rhett Grant & Nancy Stauffer – Chairpersons – Records Commission. Nothing to report.

Noah Ristau– Chairperson - Personnel Committee (includes legislation). Noah commented on the progress made by their committee.

Noah asked for time at the next Board meeting to discuss the progress of their committee. He commented that they are looking at the library from three levels: the individual trustee, the Board as a whole, and the standards of public library service in Ohio and how our Library is performing against those standards. He also commented that Ohio Library Council is willing to work with the Board on training specifically related to the needs of the Ada Public Library. He asked all Board members to fill out a self-evaluation, that he will be sending them, and have it back to him before the May Board meeting.

Ann provided a brief summary of what she learned from the OLC Trustee Workshop. She felt that all Board members should attend. She learned that the Ohio Library system is the ranked #2 in U.S. behind New York. She commented that they discussed best practices and the need for a 3-5 year vision of where the Library is headed. She stated that some libraries provided their Board members with a small card with library facts and statistics that they can carry to be used if the public asks them questions. She really liked the idea of having an information card.

At 10:01 a.m., Bethany Spieth, declared the meeting adjourned.



President



Secretary