

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees
June 24, 2024, at Oreana Library**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goepfinger, Aaron Klepzig (via Zoom), Trudy Smith and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – The library sent a thank you to the Light's for sponsoring the animal show that kicked off Summer Reading.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 20th meeting. Trudy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

The board reviewed the May bills. Jackie asked about checking #11883 to INCREDIBLEBATS. Donna explained that this was for the animal show that kicked off the Summer Reading program. Barbara asked about to check #11887 to B&B Glass. Donna said that this was for adjustments to the EXIT door at Oreana (It would not lock). The May Bookkeeper's and Treasurer's reports will be tabled until the July meeting. Jackie moved to approve the May bills as presented. Linda seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for May. The circulation numbers for both Children's and Young Adult's books were up from last month. And is significantly higher than the numbers from this time last year. There were several donations towards Summer Reading. This allowed for fun events for both the opening and closing of the program. The library received a donation in memory of Dorothy Morsch. The library has received the distributions from both the Betz-Holmes and Parr Trust accounts. There were several maintenance items at the buildings. The craft days for both children and adults were well attended (36 kids; 4 YA's; fifteen adults). Denise and Tina made a presentation to the elementary students – 373 kids and twenty-six adults. The Silver&Gold book club had seven attendees. Story time had fourteen kids, 1 YA and seven adults. Attendance at the Summer Reading events so far: Kickoff Party – total of ninety-six; Sidewalk chalk – total of forty-nine; Macon County Owl presentation – total of thirty-five; Fish Scavenger Hunt has had twenty-five participants. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

1. Solar Energy Bid Documents – the board reviewed the wording of the Legal Notice to advertise for bids for a Solar System installation. The board requested some changes in the notice. Trudy moved that the Legal Notice be approved as amended. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

2. Financial Review costs – the board discussed the significant increase in the cost for the financial review. Jackie moved to review the need for a financial review on a yearly basis. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

New Business -

There were two items of new business.

1. Fine free – Donna proposed to the board that the library go “fine free.” She gave a presentation on the pros and cons of changing policy. Barbara moved to accept the change in policy as presented by Donna. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

Aaron left the meeting at 6:06 PM

2. The Finance Committee presented the proposed Working Budget for FY2025. Trudy moved to approve the Working Budget as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes.

Miscellaneous Business- None

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM. The next board meeting will be on Monday July 29, 2024, at Argenta. At 4:15, there will be a time for public comment on the budget. At 4:30 the normal business meeting will be held.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light