

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees
April 29, 2024, at Oreana Library**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goepfinger, Linda Albert, Matt Honnold, Aaron Klepzig, Trudy Smith (via Zoom) and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – There was no correspondence, communication or public comment.

Presentation by Bill Niblett and Ryan Lengacher from Wellspring Components (Solar Energy) – Bill Niblett and Ryan Lengacher from Wellspring components presented information about the possibility of solar energy installations at Oreana and Argenta. The representatives left the board with information about solar energy and costs/cost savings.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 25 meeting. Linda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

The board reviewed the March bills. Jackie asked about check number 11822 to Detection Security Co. Donna explained that is was for inspection and parts to the exit door in Oreana. Linda asked about check number 11830 to B&B Glass. Donna said that this was for parts for the back door at Oreana because Detection Security failed to fix the issue. Aaron asked about check number 11839 to Detection Security Company. He asked why there were three bills from Detection. Donna explained that this was for an annual inspection in Argenta. (Others were for parts and inspection at Oreana). The board reviewed the February and March Financial Reports and Treasurer's reports. Aaron moved to approve the February and March Bookkeeper's and Treasurer's reports, and the March bills as presented. Jackie 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 March. The circulation numbers for Young Adult books continue to be strong. The library received a donation in memory of Joann Parenti. A tree has been planted in her memory. Matt and his family donated a plaque for the tree. Donna reported on several maintenance items at both buildings. The Childrens' Storytime continues to have good attendance. The craft days for both children and adults have been well attended. Denise and Tina made an Elementary school visit in Oreana. They spoke to fifty-six children and twenty-eight adults about the Summer Reading Program. The Silver and Gold book club had six attendees. Booked on Saturday had four attendees. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

1. Statements of Economic Interest – Donna passed out the Statements of Economic Interest forms. The members of the board must fill these out annually. The forms are filed with Macon County.

New Business -

There were four items of new business.

1. Staff compensation for FY2025- The board went into closed session according to Illinois statute 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) exception to the Open Meetings Act. The board went into closed session at 5:53 PM. The board returned to open session at 6:04 PM. The board voted on staff compensation as discussed in closed session. Jackie moved to approve the staff compensation package as discussed in the closed session. Aaron seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes.
2. Finance Committee – Aaron and Matt have agreed to serve on the Finance Committee for FY2025.
3. Personnel Committee -John, Trudy and Jackie have agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee for FY2025.
4. Discussion on annexation property from Decatur – this was tabled until the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Business- None

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday May 20, 2024, at Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light