

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees

In-person meeting. Library meeting room.

405 W. Main Street

Carbondale, IL 62901

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to order.

4:30 p.m.

Roll call.

Introductions, audience and visitors. Visitors are asked to introduce themselves at this time and present any issues they wish to discuss. Visitors wishing to address specific agenda items will be granted two to five minutes at the discretion of the President, not to exceed a total of twenty minutes. The Library Board may cut short any comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive. (Id. at 1425-26).

Present.

Don Prosser, President (1)

Susan Tulis, Vice President

Roland Person, Secretary

Barbara Levine, Treasurer

Philip Brown

Joyce Hayes

Chastity Mays

Julian Pei

Harriet Simon

Absent.

None.

The number following the Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

Visitors.

One visitor, Jeff Ansani, stopped by to lend his moral support to the library because he believes this is the most important place in the community.

Staff present.

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director; Gwen Hall Grosshenrich, Finance Manager.

President's report.

1. Committee assignments. Don Prosser anticipates that the Five Year Planning Committee may have significant work to do if Carbondale loses Home Rule status. Substitute Roland Person for Barbara Levine on the Personnel Committee (as chair).

Secretary's report.

1. Approval of July 13, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Harriet Simon made a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Tulis seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Correspondence and communications.

None.

Financial report.

1. Approval of bills payable up to and including bills due August 16, 2022 to September 15, 2022. Roland Person moved to pay bills. Joyce Hayes seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Acceptance of the financial report for July, 2022. Philip Brown moved to accept the financial report. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Librarian's report.

1. Building and grounds maintenance. We have been experiencing an excessive amount of litter in the Japanese Garden this year. We are trying to keep up with the daily clean-up required.
2. 100 year anniversary plans. There will be a fall fundraising drive: "100 for 100." Every donor who donates \$100 or more in 2022 will receive a pop-up card featuring a tree in our Japanese Garden. Proceeds will help to fund our Social Work position beyond the one-year grant-funded period. There will be a celebratory event as well. Don Prosser, our current Board President, was on the Board when the current building was built in 1983. The building was designed by renowned Chicago architect Harry Weiss. Hans Fischer was the mayor of Carbondale. He pushed hard for the library to have architects apply, and pushed for the library to own the entire lot. Betty Mitchell was on the Library Board at the time and was instrumental in advocating for a new building.
3. Other. The library will soon offer instructional videos for both patrons and staff via Niche Academy. We are expanding our free notary services from 1 notary to 6.

Committee reports.

None.

New business.

None.

Other.

1. Patron behavior. None requiring action at this time.

Unfinished business.

Discussed public education efforts regarding the meaning of the city's Home Rule on the November ballot. We can only provide information.

The next board meeting will be on a Tuesday. Philip Brown requested cannot be present and will be excused

Adjournment.

5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Roland Person, Secretary

Prepared by: Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Board Meetings for 2022. All meetings (unless otherwise noted) will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Public Library meeting room unless taking place online due to a state of emergency (Agenda and link posted at <https://carbondalepubliclibrary.org/aboutus/board-of-trustees/upcoming-board-meeting-agenda/>): January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 13 (second Tuesday of the month), October 12, November 9, December 14, 2022.