



Canton Public Library Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024 – 7:30 PM

The Chairperson, A. Iqbal, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, C. Spas, A. Watts

Absent: M. Farrell

Also Present: S. Bewick, E. Davis

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Present: K. Bounds, L. Craig, L. Golden, C. Isakson, P. Jenkins, M. Nicholson, C. Swanberg, R. Wolshon

No comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to her written report, Director Eva Davis shared that the Friends of the Canton Public Library will be partnering with Buddy's Pizza in Canton for a fundraiser on Wednesday, July 12. Details will be announced on the group's Facebook page.

The library is 33% of the way through fiscal 2024 as of April 30. Penal fines are trending low, as they are not expected until the end of August. Expenditures trending above 33% include fringe benefits, insurance, and professional & contractual because they are prepaid early in the year.

The new study rooms on the east wall experienced a setback with the electrical inspection, which did not occur when scheduled. Once the electrical inspection is final, there will be a final building inspection before the rooms are opened to the public. The current expected completion date is at the end of May.

Two finalists will be interviewing next week for the Information Services Department Head position; we hope to have news next month.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Nancy Eggenberger stated she had a chance to walk through the new meeting rooms and they are looking very nice.

Trustee Jasmine Lee expressed her excitement at being able to get a discount at the Detroit Zoo using her library card thanks to a partnership with The Library Network.

NEW BUSINESS

Diversity Audit Presentation – Collection Development Specialist Lisa Craig presented the processes and findings associated with the library’s diversity audits. The board expressed their appreciation for the information and insight.

2025 Budget Discussion – Revenue

- Millage rate – E. Davis recommended an assessment of 1.4324 mills for 2025.
- Property tax collection rate – E. Davis recommended budgeting for a collection rate of 98% rather than the 99% budgeted in recent years. Department Head Marian Nicholson explained that, due to the fluctuating figures received from Wayne County, the library recommended budgeting conservatively for a 98% collection rate rather than potentially budgeting for funds that may not be collected.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Claire Spas, Secretary-Treasurer