

**Vespasian Warner Public Library District**  
**Clinton, IL 61727**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 8, 2023**

President Jonah Kolb called the meeting of the board to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kolb, Janelle Sams-Thomas, Matt Love, Becky Adams, Logan Redman, Stephanie Coonce, and Laura Hale. Also present: Executive Director Bobbi Perryman, Business Manager Samantha Rusk, and Youth Services Manager Corey Campbell.

Minutes—On a motion by Love, the January 11, 2023, minutes were approved by voice vote.

Approval of Bills—None.

Correspondence—from Janice Peterson, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, thanking the library for the tote bag of library goodies for the gift basket for the community Christmas event. Also, a thank-you card from Perryman for the board's kindness and understanding during the illness and passing of her mother Rie Burkett, as well as for their sympathy.

Staff Reports

- Children's cards are now in the possession of their parents, and children's books can now be checked out upstairs. This should make summer reading checkouts easier.
- Checkouts are up 36% from last year. Unique patrons have increased from last year. E-patrons have doubled since last year. The library is also seeing more foot traffic.
- About 100 patrons have participated in the winter reading program and are excited to get mugs.
- Patrons are also excited about the rearrangement of the children's floor.
- Corey Campbell will be taking paternal leave after the birth of his first child in late March, early April.
- Christian Haws's two performances of Dudley DeWitt crime cases in DeWitt County were well received by the 20 people in each audience.

Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Finance—none.
- B. Property—Lucas Snow has been getting information on the replacement or heavy repair of the flat portion of the roof, estimates coming in at about \$25,000. Snow also let us know that the Hallsville little library is up and functioning.
- C. Personnel—Kyle Taylor has been hired as a part-time clerk to replace Wendy West. He is working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-1 at circulation. Clerk Trisha Benedict has taken full-time work elsewhere. Because of the many applications for West's position, there are plenty of choices for Benedict's opening. Interviews have been set up, and plans are to replace her with two part-time clerks.
- D. Policy—none.

Business Items:

- A. HVAC project update—Rusk and Snow are to meet tomorrow with McClure Engineering to discuss the new air handler. We are waiting for a possible grant approval from the state.

- B. Laura Hale was appointed to the Property Committee.
- C. Allocation of an Anonymous Donation—The library's \$5,000 anonymous donation will probably be used for two end-cap screens at a cost of \$200 and for a \$2500 water filling station.

Adjournment - On a motion by Love, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Adams