

SOMONAUK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00P.M. by President Roberta Mickelson.

In attendance were Chris Gresk, Tom Harmon, Paula Moore, Cindy Westbrook, Library Director Julie Harte Fischer and attorney Richard Burton. Marilyn Abbott and Gina Skofich were absent.

Burton presented tax levy figures of the previous year and outlined the effect of inaction on the library's budget. He encouraged the claim of higher revenue this fiscal year and recommended a public hearing.

Harmon moved to claim taxation of nine (9) percent. Motion carried.

Mickelson approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

A thank you for her retirement gift was received from Betty Yoeckel.

Moore moved to approve the budget report and payment of current bills. Motion carried.

The director reported:

- 37 new patrons enrolled
- 5,847 items circulated
- Fines of \$0.20
- Copies/faxes \$377.25

Payment from LaSalle County received: \$99,406.41

Current programs include a book review of 'The Haunted Page' and Steve Goodwin offering one on one technical training on the computer.

Friends of the Library will meet at 4:00P.M on October 19.

The director is waiting for a response regarding siding repair. A \$6,000 estimate for door repair has been received and local suppliers are being interviewed.

The library will sponsor an Author's Fair at Heartland Bank from 5-8 P.M. during the Somonauk Christmas Walk on November 24.

The director described the new state of Illinois policy that covers the requirement of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act that becomes law on January 1, 2024.

Harte Fischer is formulating Somonauk Library's policy regarding book banning issues.

The issue of Christmas bonuses and holiday dinner for the board were tabled until the November meeting.

Mickelson called a public meeting regarding truth and taxation for November 14, 2023 at 4:00P.M.

Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45P.M.

Paula Moore, Secretary