

Minutes from the Regular Meeting  
Prairie Skies Public Library District  
Ashland Location  
April 11, 2023

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Jan Davis.

Attendance:

Trustees Present: Jan Davis, Diane Hatcher, Jennifer Petefish, Robert Butcher, Jon Klepzig, Rachel Kocis, Kevin Kesselring

Trustees Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindy Boehlke, Director; Kelly Greene, Board Clerk; Deb Gruen, Librarian

Visitors: None

Regular Agenda Items: The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Butcher, seconded by Petefish.

Approve Previous Minutes: Minutes from the regular meeting held March 14, 2023 were not available and will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Financial Report:

Prepared and presented by Kelly Greene for March 2023.

Submit Bills:

Bills submitted for tonight were submitted totaling \$13,918.87. Motion to pay bills by Butcher with a second by Klepzig.

Ayes: Davis, Hatcher, Petefish, Butcher, Klepzig, Kocis, Kesselring Nay: 0 Absent: 0

Administrators Report: Boehlke presented the report of Library Statistics for the prior month. Boehlke provided her report of activities at the branches, upcoming events, and staff attendance at workshops in her absence.

- Information is being gathered for the IPLAR reporting.
- Preparations are being made for the Summer Reading Program and also National Library Week.
- Programming is being planned with Professor Schweighauser for future classes and programs, including one on the solar eclipse.
- Staff members presented at the Youth Services Institute held last month.
- The electronic sign for the Pleasant Plains location, the handicap-accessible door for Pleasant Plains and shelving for the youth area has been ordered.
- Some videos are being prepared using funds from a grant that was received. Several patrons were asked to participate in the video.

Committee Reports:

The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting tonight to discuss the FY 2024 Budget. As estimates are received for special projects, the budget proposals will be updated prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

The Decennial Committee met prior to the meeting tonight to discuss the creation of this committee and the requirements. Future meetings will be held to continue to review and report on our efficiencies and any suggestions for improvement.

Friends of the Library

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

A discussion was held regarding ways to advertise local community events due to the lack of a local newspaper in Pleasant Plains and Ashland. It was recommended to add information or pages to the library newsletter that is distributed through the community. Social media sites were discussed, but it was noted that not all patrons have access to these sites.

Election results were discussed and it was noted that all trustees on the ballot were elected to their positions for another term, including Rachel Kocis, Kevin Kesselring, and Jon Klepzig.

Executive Session

None

On a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

The next meeting will be held May 9, 2023 at 6:00pm, in Pleasant Plains.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly S. Greene  
Board Clerk