

The Paden City Library Board of Trustees met for their monthly meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024. Joanna Casto acted to convene the meeting; she was joined by Barbara Slider, new members Tim Hizer and Rick Bertozzi, and library director Danielle Ice-Davis. Board member Margaret Sine was absent. Official approval by city council of the two new members is still being awaited.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved, following a motion by Joanna Casto and a second by Barbara Slider. The monthly financial report brought out issues caused by American Express in the payment of the credit card bill. It was agreed that hereafter, the director will pay the bill online. Motion to approve the report was made by Barbara Slider, was seconded by Joanna Casto, and passed.

Library director's report: Assorted items—the library collaborated with PCHS again this year in the creating and judging of "Poe pumpkins"; Preschool Story Hour, which drew a surprisingly small crowd, is done until February; the new LEGO club has been very popular; Cindy Powell will be taking charge of a YWCA satellite office at the library on the first Wednesday of each month with services for domestic violence victims, as well as other services. The director is also working on craft programs for November and December.

The director reported on some recent problems with patrons: latecomers and improperly- or un-supervised children. The board reiterated their support for the librarians' efforts to enforce library policies.

The group agreed with discontinuing purchase of certain periodicals that have a history of never being read by patrons. It was noted that there is an app, "Libby", through the state, which would allow any interested parties in the future to access these periodicals online.

Old Business: The director did, as requested, contact the two current contractors who had offered bids on the restroom construction to let them know of delay. Rick Bertozzi and Tim Hizer offered some very helpful feedback and also input on how to proceed. The former offered to speak to contractor Dave Hunt for more information and to inquire about his schedule. A special meeting may need to be called in December.

A letter will be sent to the Senior Center for renewal of their lease, same terms as before.

It was agreed to apply the \$8500 special grant recently given by the state to the restroom project.

The following slate of officers was adopted:

President—Joanna Casto

Treasurer—Margaret Sine

Secretary—Barbara Slider

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary