

The Paden City Library Board of Trustees reconvened after a summer break with a regular meeting on September 23, 2024. With the unexpected resignation by email of Jeremy Joy from the board on September 22, that left 3 board members to meet: Joanna Casto, Margaret Sine, and Barbara Slider. Also attending were library director Danielle Ice-Davis and assistant librarian Sarah Veyon. Margaret Sine volunteered to convene the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting in May were read, and approved following a motion by Joanna Casto and a second by Margaret Sine. Motion to approve the August financial report was made by Barbara Slider and seconded by Joanna Casto. Motion passed.

Library director's report: Rick Bertozzi has completed and installed a beautiful set of bookshelves in the children's section. Since he declined to give us a bill, motion was made by Barbara Slider to send him a gift card in the amount of \$300. Following a second by Joanna Casto, the motion passed.

The summer reading program was a success. Preschool Story Hour has recommenced. The lease for the Senior Center will be renewed. Wowbrary was also renewed. It and the new website host Streamline are both working well, with the latter showing itself to have been a good investment. In CDAR interest, the library has gained \$2144.16 this year. The question was raised of whether to eliminate library fines, as some facilities are doing; however, the decision was made to not change the status quo. Since the October meeting would fall on the same night as the Haunted Trail, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 22. PCPL will also participate in Sistersville's similar event on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Brian Rogers plans to start a Lego Club for children ages 7 and up. Pumpkin decorating will be offered again this month. Lastly, the state has granted extra funds to libraries, with the amount of \$8500.00 being received by PCPL.

Ms. Ice-Davis reported that her trip to the Collaborative Summer Learning Program conference was very worthwhile (and entertaining). She will be presenting some of that information at Fall Workshop Oct. 2-4. She was asked to save a copy of her presentation to share with the board.

Unfinished business:

After discussion of the complex matter of the ADA restroom project that has awaited action for several months, the decision was made to table any action until the board is fully seated. Names that were put forth for consideration: Mark Feldmeier, Rick Bertozzi, Arianne Roberts, Sharon Kastigar, Amy Kastigar, Dick Stender, Brian Price, Tim Hizer, Carolyn Hizer. Joanna Casto will initiate contacts. The library director will notify the two construction bidders thus far, Mountain Mama Construction and Hunt's Painting and Construction, that the project is postponed.

Election of officers was also postponed.

Meeting adjourned.

Barbara Slider, Secretary