

Madison County Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes (draft)  
January 18, 2023

**Attending:** Charles Carter, Katy Cashman, Sam Cate, Joe Goodall, Diane Heckel, Jim Jewett, Gary Jones, Ruth Miles, Jill Quinley, Kate Rakowski, Cindy Taylor, and Bonnie Utz

**Unable to Attend:** Lorie Davis and Tracy Tanner Bond

**Organizing:**

Diane called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Charles moved, Jill seconded, and the board approved the agenda as presented.

Katy moved, Ruth seconded, and the Board approved the minutes of our November 16, 2022 meeting.

Katy nominated and Cindy seconded that Diane serve as Board President for 2023.

Katy nominated and Cindy seconded that Jill serve as Board Vice-President for 2023.

Katy nominated and Cindy seconded that Joe serve as Board Secretary for 2023.

Diane nominated and Katy seconded that Gary serve as Board Treasurer for 2023.

Diane moved and Katy seconded a motion that the nominations be closed, and the nominees elected. The Board approved the motion.

**Library Director's Report:**

**Library Statistics 7/1/22 thru 1/17/23 YTD**

Circulation totals: 24,047

Added 181 new Patrons

Updated 699 Patrons

Overdrive e-book usage: 3,235

WiFi usage: 5423

Titles added: 1,074

**Activities**

The Dickens reading was both well attended and enjoyed. We had about 50 attendees. Some tweaking to the programming will take place before next year. We are reading to the Madison Learning Center and Head Start classes as well as Story Hour. Gary and I have completed and turned in the state report for the last fiscal year.

**Upcoming:**

Every Thursday in March, we are having a series of STEM and Coding programs.

March 2 – Coding with Critters

March 9 – Scooterbots

March 16 -Cubelots

March 23 –Cubelots

March 30 – Lunar Space Rover

\*\*On Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> we have the Bright Star Theatre Group presenting “Freedom Songs”, a program that traces the course of Black History through song. From working songs, ragtime, R&B to Aretha Franklin, it should be wonderful. Again, I ask that every Board member try to attend the program.

Fran and I are already working on programming for the Summer Reading programs in July.

I would like to talk with you about the possibilities of several memorials. Steve Reed was our children's Story Hour reader for over 12 years and Clarence Baker, a patron who made several things for us. I have included a 2012 letter to the editor that describes them both. One more that you can help decide.

Praise for the staff...Included in the report is a Facebook post about a child's first experience here.

Katy moved that **Bonnie design and purchase a plaque honoring Steve Reed and design and purchase signs for attaching to the chairs Clarence Baker made for the children's section.** Kate seconded and the Board approved the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary reported that on December 31, 2022 the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 account balances were \$40,607.29 in the operating account, \$3,968.87 in the Friends of the Library account, \$6,566.69 in the State Aid account, \$5,954.91 in the Donations account, and \$30,906.76 in the Annual Letter Drive account. Gary said gifts to the Annual Letter Drive continue to come in the mail and he had received \$1,700 since he printed the report.

### **Committee Reports:**

Jill reported that **The Friends of the Library's** reading of The Christmas Carol was well attended. Their President, Heidi Sage, had sought feedback from members and they hoped to sponsor a reading event next December with a shorter reading. Cindy suggested they consider "The Gift of the Magi".

Charles reporting for the **Grounds and Maintenance Committee** noted that the Town of Madison's sign ordinance is being reviewed by the Planning Commission. He encouraged the library to keep a sign out all the time and apply for a permanent sign permit rather than applying several times for a temporary sign permit. He also encouraged mounting the sign so it could be easily read. The banner sign often is not stretched tight and difficult to read from the street. Charles moved that the Board ask **Grounds and Maintenance Committee** to explore placing a permanent sign near Main Street. Joe seconded the motion, and the Board approved it. Charles said he did not know the status of the concrete pad project for the front lawn.

Diane reporting for the **Executive Committee** said that the documents containing current insurance policy information did not clearly present our coverage. She suggested the Board ask Billy Hale to come to our next meeting to explain our coverage and answer questions. The Board agreed to her recommendation and asked Bonnie to contact Billy about meeting with us on March 15. Board members are asked to submit questions about our coverage to Bonnie or Diane so they can send them to Billy before our meeting.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 15 at 6:30 PM.

Charles moved that we adjourn at 8:31 PM, Ruth seconded, and the board concurred.