

# Lincoln Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting April 17, 2025

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Rohrer.

Members Present:

Ed Jeffries

Susan Rohrer

Kathy Papesch

Tom Zwilling

Also attending:

Mike Starasta

Donna Cunningham

Caroline Kiest

II. Additions to the agenda: None

III. Executive Session – including SILCS 120/02 (c)(1) and/or (6)

The Executive Session was deferred until after all regular business was addressed. The board entered closed session at 6:11 pm and returned to open session at 6:24 pm.

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Approval of the minutes/corrections

There were no corrections to the minutes. Kathy Papesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Tom Zwilling and approved.

VI. New Business

A. Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed as prepared. There were no questions about it at this time. Tom Zwilling made a motion to accept the report, and Kathy Papesch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Donna Cunningham's Report

Donna, Caroline, Nichole and Ashley attended the Reaching Forward South Conference. They were able to choose 5, 1hour sessions from the 25 choices. They were the Teen Crime Stoppers: A Murder Mystery Teen Program, the SHARE reports session, the Roundtable Topic: Youth Services, the Level Up Your Children and Family Summer Reading Programs, and the Beyond Books: Building a Library of Things on a Budget. There was a brief synopsis of each session.

C. Caroline Kiest's Report

She reported on the usage statistics of the Library. She also reported on the sessions she attended at the Reaching Forward South conference.

VII. Old Business/Feedback and Follow-up

A. Carnegie Roof.

Mike reported that some of the repairs are completed, but there maybe more needed in the near future, as some spots may still have a leak problem. He will monitor and let the repair company know if the spots need fixing.

B. Donna's Evaluation

The board met in executive session as referenced below, Section IX, for discussion.

C. Vote on Rental Space.

The vote had to be postponed as there was not enough Trustees able to a vote on the lease.

D. MISC

Mike will make inquires as to an accounting firm to audit the books as required by law.

VIII. Director's Report.

A. Police incident.

A short discussion was held on the latest incident at the Library requiring the police to respond to an unruly patron. That person was escorted from the building. Looking to the future there might be some grant money available to improve the security for the Library.

B. Lincoln Bust Donation

A bust of Abraham Lincoln maybe donated to the Library. It is from the 1930's era. It is being donated by the Lincoln Museum.

C. MISC None

IX. Executive Session

After exiting the executive session Tom Zwilling made a motion to increase Donna's salary by 3.5%, to \$44,565 per year seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Papesch and seconded by Susan Rohrer. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ed Jeffries

Acting Secretary