

**Kankakee Public Library May 21st, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Kankakee Public Library Board of Trustees began at 5:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vena Burkes, Bruce Conway, Ruth Hatcher, Bonnie Brewer, Kent Wade

Absent: Liz Barbosa, Michael Costanza, Mike Gall, Geraldine Adams

Also present were: Allison Beasley, Library Director, Camille Rose, Assistant Director of Library Engagement, Vicki Forquer, Assistant Director of Library Resources and Korie Worth, Business Manager

Review of Minutes: The April 23rd minutes were reviewed. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes and Burkes seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Communications: Beasley presented the monthly statistics to the board as well as a thank you card from ECDA.

Bills and Invoices and Financial Report: The board reviewed the bills and invoices for the month of April. Burkes motioned to approve the bills and invoices for the library and Brewer seconded. The board approved unanimously. The board reviewed the KEP bills and invoices. Wade motioned to approve the KEP bills and invoices and Burkes seconded. The board approved unanimously. The board held discussion on potential ways to use the interest being earned.

Director's Report: Ms. Beasley reported the following: Fiscal year 23/24 has wrapped up under budget. The Kankakee Kultivators planted the reading garden pots and the staff are keeping them watered. There was a graffiti incident on the walls in the men's room bathroom. Darnell Davis was quick to remove and repaint. Amy Gonzalez is the new Teen Lead Assistant III. Amanda Goin is currently taking some training and will soon be the Collection Development Coordinator. She will be working with the department supervisors to help build up their collections. The Adult Services department will be displaying the Portrait of a Soldier exhibit for public viewing. Youth Services had staff present at the Kankakee Farmer's Market to promote programming. Summer Reading will kick off June 1st. The staff is working on a library-wide Juneteenth storyteller program. Amnesty Month was another success this year.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Assistant Director Forquer presented multiple policy edits to the board. Burkes motioned to approve the edits; Wade seconded and the board approved unanimously. The board reviewed the current partnerships. Discussion was held on the few being let go. Burkes motioned to approve the partnerships for 24/25 and Brewer seconded. The board approved unanimously. Director Beasley presented the FY24/25 budget to the board. Burkes motioned to approve the budget; Brewer seconded and the board approved unanimously.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Brewer motioned to adjourn and at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Korie Worth.