



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees

December 17, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield-Greene County Library District met on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at The Republic Branch Library. The Trustees in attendance were Mar'Ellen Felin, Stacey Penney, Melanie Weiler, Clinton Beecham, Rachel Morrow, Chris Bozarth, Aaron Jones (joined at 4:11) James Nevins (joined 4:13), and David Yancey (joined 4:15)

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Felin moved and Weiler seconded that the minutes be approved. (6 yes, 0 no)

Finance and Personnel

Morrow presented the committee report, discussing the November Financial Report, the impact of the property tax freeze, the ARPA project reports, the gift shop profit/loss summary, approved/submitted/outstanding proposals, and the Year-End Giving Campaign.

Building and Grounds Committee

Beecham presented the committee report, discussing updates presented to the Building and Grounds Committee on The Library Station, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, The Library Center, The Willard Branch, and The Strafford Branch.

Beecham discussed the Republic Branch GMP presentation.

- The Building and Grounds Committee motioned to add alternates 1-7 for a total of \$202,753. Motion carried (9 yes, 0 no).
- Nevins motioned to reject voluntary alternates 1, 2, and 3, and accept voluntary alternate 4 at the cost of \$80,850.00. Morrow seconded. Motion carried (9 yes, 0 no).
- Beecham motioned to approve the GMP as amended at \$8,628,813. Bozarth seconded. Motion carried (9 yes, 0 no).
- With added alternates 1-7 and voluntary alternate 4 included, the total project cost is \$8,912,416.

Eva Pelkey discussed the first floor and basement rain damage that occurred during the roof repair process at Midtown. Library staff will review impact at the OAC meeting on Wednesday, December 18th.

Programs, Services, and Technology

No meeting / report

Executive Director's Report

Walton reviewed highlights from his prepared report.

This year, ARPA projects moved from the planning phase to the construction phase and a new executive director was hired. The Library has returned to having a high focus on fundraising, which will continue with the hiring of Bridget Dierks. The next big project will be the strategic plan. A team of 12 library staff members will begin working on this plan in January. The goal is to have the strategic plan ready to present at the Board Retreat in April.

Unfinished Business

- The Whistleblower Procedures are tabled. Nevins and Bozarth will meet with Walton to clarify and solidify ideas.
- Board members were reminded to send their biographies.

New Business

- The November Statistical Report was stable. The Board has requested that the report continue to include the statistics prior to Covid for comparison.
- The Board reviewed the meeting calendars for the next fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote

The Board took a Roll Call Vote to go into closed session at 4:54 p.m.

Aaron Jones, Vice President and Member:	Yes
Chris Bozarth, Treasurer and Member:	Yes
Rachael Morrow, Member:	Yes
Clinton Beecham, Member:	Yes
Melanie Weiler, Member:	Yes
David Yancey, Member:	Yes
Mar'Ellen Felin, Member:	Yes
Stacey Penney, President and Member:	Yes
James Nevins, Secretary and Member	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22PM