



ERICSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

AGENDA ERICSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Place: LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

Date: March 21, 2022 5PM

In an effort to follow CDC guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 the Ericson Public Library will be limiting the number of individuals allowed in the meeting room. You may join the meeting via internet. If you want to just listen to the meeting please utilize the electronic method below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85851728886?pwd=TFllld0llyVRIT3pnR0hPWWduT0tldz09>

Meeting ID: 858 5172 8886

Passcode: 521458

- A. Roll call & quorum
- B. Approve minutes of previous meeting
- C. Correspondence
- D. Public comments
- E. Director's Report
- F. Financial report and approval of warrants
- G. Committee Reports
 - 1. Building and grounds
- H. Old business
- I. New business
- J. Adjournment

THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 18, 2022, 5PM

The Board of Trustees of the Ericson Public Library met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

Those present were: Michael Carr, Heather Frese, Charles Irwin, Lisa Kobernusz, Susan Posch, Barb Rardin, Maribeth Waldman. Absent: John Niemants, Gary Nystrom. The meeting was called to order by Frese at 5:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

The January 17, 2022 meeting minutes were presented by Williams. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rardin and seconded by Posch and carried unanimously.

The Director's report contained the following items for February 2022:

1. The circulation for January was 9,274. Computer usage was 762, Wi-fi usage was 894 sessions and we had 1,777 visits to our website. The meeting room was used 25 times.
2. The library received \$4,025 from Lowrey Foundation (SRP) and \$1,800 from Pratt Fenton Charitable Trust for children's nonfiction. The library received a \$400 memorial for Beverly Sturtz for Reach Out and Read (ROAR). The Friends deposited \$19 for book sales.
3. The iPads are mostly set up; I'm working on resetting three. Hotspots just arrived and I am working on getting those put into the system and processed as well. Part of getting these new technologies ready to go has allowed some thought to go into an initiative that really lays out the challenge of how our library can address digital inequities with library services and programs. I envision *Ericson Connects* as a way for our library to work on providing more connectivity, access as well as education and training for digital skills and infrastructure. Along with this, I am applying to a grant that would allow us to fund two solar powered tables which provides wifi, charging stations and is weather proof. My goal is to place one in the library's green space and by our StoryWalk.
4. MasterClass is proud to partner with Ericson Public Library to offer 200 no-cost Annual Memberships to the entire MasterClass platform for one year (a \$180 value). These can be used on your mobile, desktop, or smart TV to access online classes taught by the best in arts & entertainment, writing, business, food, home & lifestyle, music, sports & gaming, and more. As part of the grant criteria, memberships are given on basis of most in need. We also need to ensure users are 18 or older and a library member and are able to use it (requires high speed internet connectivity). If patrons do not have access from home, the library offers high speed internet access and will assist! This is an exciting opportunity that many patrons are anxious to have access to! The registration form is ready to go and we look forward to offering this!
5. State Library reaccreditation documents along with supporting documentation have been submitted. We met all standard criteria for Tier 1 and also met the optional standards that allow us to be accredited at the highest tier! We have much to be proud of. The Standards and Accreditation Program exists to encourage the ongoing development of high quality public library services in Iowa. Iowa's voluntary public library standards program was established to give public libraries a tool to identify strengths and areas for

improvement. It is also used to document the condition of public library service in Iowa, to distribute Direct State Aid funding, and to meet statutory requirements.

A motion to accept the Director's report was made by Posch and seconded by Kobernusz and carried unanimously.

The financial reports for February were examined and filed. A motion approving the financial reports and payment of warrants was made by Irwin and seconded by Rardin and carried unanimously.

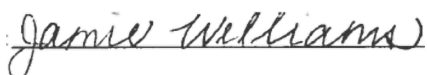
No committee reports.

Under old business, Williams provided the update regarding the budget the engineer came back with for the CIP project, Direct Digital Controls. Williams plans to discuss more with Nystrom about meeting with City administration to see about options for funding the project that was over our original budgeted amount for FY23.

Under new business, Williams presented the *Ericson Connects* initiative. Williams noted how it complements the long range goals from our plan and will continue to work on addressing digital inequity challenges with library programs and services. The new initiative was approved by Rardin and seconded by Posch and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. on a motion by Carr and seconded by Kobernusz and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Williams, Director