

W. G. Rhea Public Library Board Meeting
 January 21, 2025
 4:00 p.m.

A. Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Cindy Snyder at 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll call by Secretary, Lisa K Fitzsimmons

Kathy Collins	✓	Susan Jones	✓
Jackie Mann	✓	Missy Hamilton	AB
Cindy Snyder	✓	Sam Tharpe	AB
Stacy Hayes	✓	Dennis Melhouse	✓
Lisa K Fitzsimmons	✓	FOL Rep Bill Perkins	AB
Troy Barrow	✓	ORRL Kathryn McBride	✓
Kelly Derr	✓		

C. Communication/Community Comments:

D. Consent Agenda

Minutes and Financial Report

Stands as read and treasurer report filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Custom Report November 1 – December 31, 2024

Amount available as of 11/01/2024	\$98,238.49
Revenue	\$73,295.87
Expenses	<u>\$69,252.72</u>
Net Revenue	12/31/2024 \$102,281.64

Program & Service Fund Custom Report November 1 – December 31, 2024

Amount available as of 11/01/2024	\$179,419.27
Revenue	\$ 6,178.96
Expenses	<u>\$ 7,695.75</u>
Net Revenue	12/31/2024 \$177,902.48

Balance 12/31/2024 in Checking \$5,414.61; High Yield \$172,487.87;
 (Bequests Kirk Ford \$18,723.00 and Helener Kane Currier Trust \$158,824.30)

E. Old Business:

Kathy presented an update on the "Tech Goes Home" program partnership. IT Coordinator, Stephanie Hart is teaching the first six-week class with full participation. Once seniors complete the class, they will be allowed to keep the Chromebook.

F. New Business:

Kathy addressed the upcoming board appointment terms ending. Troy Barrow and Lisa K Fitzsimmons second term expiring at the end of June 2025. Cindy Snyder, Susan Jones, and Dennis Melhouse first term expiring at the end of June 2025. Cindy is compiling a list of replacements to be considered.

The Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce will hold the Chamber Coffee at W.G Rhea Library on Thursday, February 25th at 8 AM. All board members were invited to attend.

G. Committee Reports: Policy Committee Reports/updates/reviews

Library of Things Borrower's Agreement – No changes. Motion to approve by Troy, motion passed.

H. Director's Report:

Kathy presented a handout with the January workshop she was able to attend. She highlighted the library's entry in the DPA's 2024 Festival of Trees winning Best of Show. December programming included creating Gingerbread Houses, Polar Express program, Christmas tree crafts, and holiday ornaments. Kathy thanked everyone who participated in the library's Help Hand Day with total proceeds for the day of \$4,637.00. She informed everyone of the Enchroma Colorblind Glasses available for checkout for a limited time. Upcoming in February, Kathy announced the start of a Readers' Advisory Book Group to begin on the 4th Friday and the Reading Challenge – Read to Win Book-Opoly to be held February through May with a drawing for a Kindle at the end. Lastly, Kathy invited everyone to see the new Agati Lounge Bench purchased for the YA room.

I. Friends of the Library Report:

A FOL financial statement was available for everyone to review. The Fall book sale was a huge success and netted \$2747.50. The Spring book sale will be accepting donations March 10th - 21st. The public sale will be held March 26th - 29th. The annual membership meeting will be held March 25th at 5PM. Kathy highlighted items the FOL has helped to purchase for the library.

J. Regional Director's Report:

Kathryn McBride updated the board on the standards that are being targeted throughout this fiscal year for all the libraries in the region: Disaster Plan and TEL Training. She discussed the upcoming board trustee appointment terms expiring. Kathryn discussed the list of upcoming workshops and training opportunities and the annual documents. Kelly Derr was presented with a certificate by Kathryn for completing the Trustee training.

K. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM

Next meeting date is March 18, 2025, at 4PM

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa K. Fitzsimmons