

Altoona Public Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Room - 700 8th Street SW

Minutes:

1. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Miller at 7:00 PM
 - b. Board Members Present: Alan Miller, Matt Kray, Mark Vance, Mindy Goldsberry, Mary Rork-Watson, Abbey Strum, Mike Hamilton
Board Members Absent: N/A
 - c. Library Staff Present: Kim Kietzman, Amy Turgasen, Emily Linacre, Sheila Olson
 - d. Others Present: N/A
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved with a motion by Strum, second by Hamilton and passed unanimously.
3. Approve Minutes (April 2023)
 - a. The minutes of the February meeting were approved without changes. Motion was made by Kray, a second by Strum, and passed unanimously.
4. Approve Bills (April 2023)
 - a. March bills were approved with a motion by Strum , a second by Goldsberry, and approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment
 - a. None
6. Staff Reports:

Director's Report – Kim was dedicated almost exclusively to Tech Fest for the first half of the month. There was good attendance with 99 in a mix of ages. The new gadgets got a workout and the staff got a lot of great hands-on experience. The next task is to craft programs, policies, and plans for training the public to use some of the tech.

Kim had the opportunity to speak to Rotary at Caring Hands about how the library creates the long range plan and how the public can get involved. Kim also traveled to Columbia, MO for a MOBIUS board meeting. Kim volunteered to create a member survey to determine if they can cut back on membership meetings, which could possibly save her 2 Columbia trips a year. The director from Christian County in MO and Kim were selected to give a presentation at the conference about dealing with material/program/display challenges.

Adult Programming – Molly has jumped right in as the new adult programming assistant. She is currently still dividing her time between the front desk and programs. One of the local master gardeners presented information on sustainable gardening during two sessions. In May there is a life coach lined up to present talk about personality types, specifically how to understand your own and how to interact with others during two sessions.

Teen Services – April was another good month for teen programming. 51 attendees came to 7 programs. Mary planned a good variety of activities, and from board games to crochet to special events like Pokemon Card Painting, a Potato Chip Taste Test, and the Teen's Gambit - 7 kids came to play chess!

Children's Services – April went by in a blur. Programming was a little light, because of planning for the Tech Fest event. There were a couple of special events and guests this month. First was Happy Heart Yoga who came to do a kids yoga class. Next was the 5210 Healthy Choices Count who came to do a storytime with the kids about eating healthy and staying active. For the special events there was a Silly Sock Hop and the Mario Party. The Mario party was a big hit!

Sheila visited the Little Rams Family Night to talk to families about the upcoming program. It draws a big crowd with 230 parents and kids! Sheila also did a few more outreach storytimes since that will be going on break in May.

7. Unfinished business
 - a. Director's Review
 - b. Telecommuting/Flexible Schedule Policy
8. New Business
 - a. Temporary Patron Policy - Passed with a motion from Vance, a second from Strum and passed unanimously.
 - b. Reconsideration Policy - Passed with a motion from Strum, a second from Kray and passed unanimously.
 - c. MOBIUS Board - Kim has been asked to be President - She would take place of Vice President next year, be the President the second year and be Past President the third year.
9. Other Business – None
10. Agenda items for the next meeting – Policy Review - By-Laws
11. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023
12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM by consensus.

