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Meeting Minutes Auburn Public Library District Board Meeting October 21st, 2025 7 PM

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Auburn Public Library District Board of Trustees was held in Auburn, IL, 62615, on October 21st, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:12 pm. President Lacy Strader presiding, and Ashley Jarrett, secretary.

Roll call to establish quorum:

Board Attendees:

1. Lacy Strader: present
2. Monica Garrett: present
3. Ashley Jarrett: present
4. Dan Dixon: present

Staff:

Amanda Kendall, Library Director: present
Nicole Szymiski, Librarian: present
Katie Horath, Aide: present

Visitors:

None

- I. Approval of minutes:
 - a. *Motion:* Moved by Dan Dixon to accept the minutes of the September 2025 meeting
Motion carried.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Youth services back up from August
 - b. Cloud usage continues to climb while A/V is still down
 - c. Twenty new Facebook followers and lots of views as well as 3 new instagram followers

- d. Post cards are still bringing people in
- e. 5 new patrons!
- f. Webpage views way up
- g. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the Consent Agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

III. New Business

- a. FY 2025/2026 budget
 - i. Public discussion
 - ii. Adoption
 - iii. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to adopt Levy Ordinance 2025-02
 - 1. Lacy Strader: yea
 - 2. Monica Garrett: yea
 - 3. Ashley Jarrett: yea
 - 4. Dan Dixon: yea
 - 5. **Motion carried**
- b. ILAAC 25 recap
 - i. Another year of great programming; both Amanda and Nicole has lots of ideas
 - ii. More in depth recap next meeting after they have time to debrief
 - iii. Nicole and Amanda asked to submit proposals to present next year

IV. Unifinished Business

- a. Outreach initiative update
 - i. Postcards are still doing well and continue to bring people in
 - ii. Plan to reach out to the high school to see about volunteers and teen led groups
- b. HVAC Issues and Replacement
 - i. ACE has installed a new motor that is less powerful but is functioning

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Saturday Dan will go to the bank with Jeffrey to change over treasurer

VI. Directors Report

- a. Facility
 - i. Closed for heat September 18th, 29th, and 30th
 - ii. Closed October 3rd for Homecoming
 - iii. Closed October 13th for Indigenous People's Day
 - iv. Altered hours Wednesday while Nicole and Amanda were gone for ILA
 - 1. Katie did an amazing job taking care of the library!
 - v. Will be closed November 10th for Christmas decorating
- b. Staff
 - i. Getting rid of more books with Better World Books
- c. Programming

- i. IHLS Library Crawl in October; we have stickers for passports
 - ii. Chess club and Pokemon club moving to one time per month
 - d. Fundraising
 - i. City wide garage sale and library book sale totals
 - 1. City wide garage sale: \$251.76
 - 2. Used Book Sale \$263.14
 - 3. Total: \$514.90
 - ii. Upcoming: Giving Tuesday
 - 1. Amazon wishlist
 - e. Other
 - i. Donate tab on library website
 - ii. Route 66 100th year and America's Semiquincentennial 250th year!) is in 2026; these will be celebrated during summer reading
 - f. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to accept the director's report.
 - g. **Motion carried.**

VII. Committee Report

- a. Budget/Finance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley, Dan
- b. Policy Committee-Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Dan, Monica
- c. Building Maintenance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Monica
- d. District Expansion Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley
- e. Ad Hoc Committee

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Announcements

- 1. Next meeting is November 18th, 2025

- X. Adjournment:** Lacy Strader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.
Motion carried.