

## **Allegany County Library Board of Trustees**

Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2024  
4:00 p.m.  
LaVale Library

### **PRESENT:**

Deb Hendrickson, Renee Kniseley, Juli McCoy, Bill Bingman, Sue Rudd, Gary Leasure, Artie Travis and John Taube.

**Library Leadership Team:** Lisa McKenney, Andrea Everett, ~~Ashley Swinford~~, Kate Metzger

The meeting was called to order by Renee Kniseley.

A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2024 was made by Artie Travis seconded by Juli McCoy and was approved.

A motion to accept both the statistical report and the financial reports of October 2024 was made by Bill Bingman seconded by Sue Rudd and was accepted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Proposal to become a Fine Free Library in FY2026.**

John and the Leadership Team presented a proposal to go fine free starting in FY2026. After a discussion of the merits and concerns of the proposal, Artie Travis moved to table the matter until the details of the FY2026 operating budget were determined. Deb Hendrickson seconded the motion and it was approved by Board Vote.

#### **Alternate Holiday Party Proposal**

In lieu of our usual holiday party in December, the personnel committee suggested that we instead close on Thursday December 26, 2024. By closing on that day, all library staff will get a 3 day holiday, (Tuesday 12/24, Wednesday 12/25, and Thursday 12/26). Artie Travis moved to approve closing on 12/26/2024 in lieu of holding a holiday party. The motion was seconded by Bill Bingman as was approved by the Board.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Update on FY26 Advisory Committee**

The FY26 Advisory Committee met on August 8, 2024 to review library usage and on September 5, 2024 to review the financial aspects of the library system. On Thursday November 7, 2024, the committee met to refine and upgrade the ideas generated at the October 3, 2024 meeting. Renee reported that the committee is working hard on drafting its recommendations and is on schedule to present to the Board on January 14, 2025.

The committee is made up of community members, representatives of branch Friends groups, Board members, library staff and the Leadership Team.

### **Leadership Team Updates**

- Director of Administrative Services
- Director of Human Resources
- Director of Outreach and Marketing
- Coordinator of Public Services

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES**

### **LaVale Library Patio Public Art Project**

Thank you to all the Board members who attended the dedication on October 23, 2024. It was a great event and we are pleased it is completed.

**Next Board Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4PM at the LaVale Library.