Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2020
Meeting Room C
Kendallville Public Library

Board Present:
Deb Blaine, Treasurer
Brandi Hicks, Secretary
Anne Tipple
Beth Friskney
Jeni Ekovich

Board Absent:
Linda Routsong, President
Sam Zollman, Vice President

Others Present:
Katie Mullins
Janice DeLong
Jenna Anderson
Sheryl Prentice, Kendallville News-Sun

I. Call to Order: Deb Blaine, Treasurer, acting pro tem for Linda Routsong. Deb Blaine called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Public Forum: No one from the public spoke at the public forum.

III. Consideration of approval of board minutes from June 9, 2020: Tabled until August

IV. Report of Librarian: The growth rate for the 2021 budget will be 4.2 percent. Mark Thaler is working on updating our emergency policies and has met with Lance Waters, Chief of Police, and plans to meet with Jeremy McKinley, Kendallville Fire Chief. Lucinda Nord, Executive Director of the ILF was on PBS talking about libraries and their roles in the community, especially during the pandemic. The Kendallville Public Library was recognized twice during the program for our mask extender initiative and wifi access.

V. Finances:
A. Financial Report: Janice DeLong reviewed the first half of the 2020 budget compared to the first half of the 2019 fiscal year.
B. Consideration of payment of bills: Brandi Hicks moved that bills in the amount of $133,146.48 be paid. Anne Tipple seconded the motion and the motion passed.

VI. New Business:
A. Welcome New Board Members: The new board members were welcomed, and everyone introduced themselves.
B. COVID-19 Phase 7 Plans: At this time there is still no seating and extra cleaning is being done throughout the buildings. In August the library will start introducing in-person programming back in the library, with a few events. Katie Mullins and Beth Munk have been discussing how to best meet the needs of our youth when they go back to school.
C. Friday Closing Time: Brandi Hicks made a motion to close the library at five on Fridays. Beth Friskney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

VII. Miscellaneous: Jenna Anderson requested board members to make a short video introducing themselves and why the library is important to them by the next board meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: Jeni Ekovich made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 6:53 P.M. Beth Friskney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Submitted by Brandi Hicks.