

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRIA-MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
November 12, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Rogers, Shelby Thomas, Pam Blake, Suzie Remington, and Montie Manning.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** LeeAnne Fisher, Melissa Giles, Dave Holder

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. In the absence of secretary Melissa Giles, Bob Rogers appointed Suzi Remington. Minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to each board member prior to this meeting. Pam Blake moved to accept the minutes as written; Shelby seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The only item of old business discussed was the submission of the 2016 budget documents by the county auditor. Manning mentioned that it appeared that everything had been submitted by the auditor prior to deadlines.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new business discussed was the recent development of the library meeting room being used for supervised visits. Manning mentioned that he was bringing this to the board for their information and to get input. A major factor in the library being a desirable location is that it is centrally located between Elwood, Marion, Muncie, and Anderson. Also, the room is of an adequate size and the library does not charge for the space. The issue has become the disruption from children screaming and crying during the visit, when it is time to leave, or when they travel to the restroom. Patrons have started to complain and staff, including himself, are frustrated and stressed over the disruption. Manning and Lauren McPike met with the two social workers present during the visits. Manning expressed sympathy for what they were trying to accomplish, but emphasized that if the disruptions continued the library would have to reconsider the arrangement. The social workers agreed to work with the individual parent to minimize the disruptions.

The second item of new business was the nomination of the 2016 officers. After some discussion, Shelby Thomas moved to nominate the current slate of officers: Bob Rogers for President, Shelby Thomas for Vice-President, Melissa Giles for Secretary, and Pamela Blake for Treasurer; Pam Blake seconded. The motion carried.

The Library Board briefly discussed the location of our after meeting dinner. We will meet for dinner at The Tin Plate in Elwood on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> after the regular board meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Montie mentioned a few highlights from the report such as Brandi representing the library in the City Safe Halloween, the weeding of the adult nonfiction area, and the installation of the new fire/burglar system.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Our door count for was down slightly (-5.54) from October 2014. As for circulation, our overall numbers were down (-0.67%) over October 2014. The number of items we send to other Evergreen libraries increased (+18.13%) and the number we received from other Evergreen libraries increased (+17.88%). Overall use of computers dropped (-18.42%) and reference questions jumped (+45.1%). We did experience a sizeable decrease in laminating (-66.67%), while faxing also slipped slightly (-6.48%).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The claims sheet was distributed for approval. Shelby Thomas moved to pay claims 468-520; Pam Blake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Montie off on Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> & Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Montie, Lauren, and Eric at ILF Conference Nov.17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- Montie will be taking a week of PTO before end of year
- Library closes at 5pm on Wednesday, November 25th
- Library closed Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving
- Library closed Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Parade Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting; Pam Blake seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm at the library. Dinner immediately following at The Tin Plate in Elwood

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Suzi Remington**  
**Acting Secretary**