

Syracuse–Turkey Creek Township Public Library
115 E. Main Street Syracuse IN 46567

Board Meeting Agenda
June 17, 2024 at 5:45 P.M.

Regular Monthly Library Board Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Reading and approval of last month's minutes
4. Financial report and approval of expenditures
5. Public comment time
6. Reports
 - a.) Library Director
 - b.) Staff report
 - c.) Activity and Statistical reports
7. Old business
8. New business
 - a.) Approve Fairfield Schools librarian for a card through our grant program
9. Other business
 - a.) Architect discussion and decision
 - b.) Building Project plan - committee work
10. Adjournment

Next meeting will be Monday, July 22, 2024, at 5:45 PM

**Syracuse -Turkey Creek Township Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2024**

Regular monthly meeting began at 5:45 p.m.

Call to order: Diana Castell, Diana Clark, Nancy Nelson, Tom Hoover, Jill Howard, Carol Boone, Jan Rose

Board meeting minutes: *Nancy Nelson moved, and Diana Clark seconded the minutes of April 15th, 2024, be approved. This was approved by all.*

Financial report and approval of expenditures: *Nancy Nelson moved, and Jill Howard seconded the approval of the April monthly financial report and expenditures with an understanding that a corrected copy will be made for the next board meeting. This was approved by all.*

Reports:

a.) Library Director: Kim Blaha visited the Kosciusko County Community Foundation (KCCF) to discuss grants and found that the Lilly Foundation does not provide funding for the building projects of public libraries. The Syracuse Public Library has an account with Kosciusko County Community Foundation that was established by an someone unknown that allows the library to fund technological repairs and replacements through accrued interest of the Community Foundation's investments. The library can set up additional accounts with KCCF by contacting Alex Hall. KCCF can do board presentations if needed.

Kim went to the James Foundation in Auburn, IN to learn more about fundraising for the library. Kim has been talking to other library directors in Kosciusko County about providing underserved community members library cards. Currently the Syracuse-Turkey Creek Public Library has 88 non-resident cards that have been provided to residents of the Fairfield district. The Fairfield school librarian has requested an outreach card to use at the Syracuse Public Library for school book clubs and other activities. In order to do this the board can either draw up a contract with Fairfield Township Trustees that would have them pay for the card or have them join our library service area. The board discussed the possible pushback from the community of building a new library. Contributions to the Syracuse Public Library Summer Reading has been going well with multiple donations so far.

The board discussed their tour of different libraries that was to help in determining which architects would be best in building the new library. The information gained helped in providing both the strengths and weaknesses of different architects.

Diana Clark moved, and Nancy Nelson seconded that the reports be approved. The motion passed.

Old Business:

a.) Internet Policy Update Approval: *Jan Rose motions, Carol Boone seconded, All Approved the policy update.*

b.) Architect Proposal Discussion: Kim stated she has been working through a specifications and requirements checklist that also questions that should be asked during Architect presentations. Architect Presentations will be held on June 3rd from 5-7pm with Ratio Architects and KRM Architecture, and June 11th from 2-4pm with Design Collaborative and Arkos Design. Observations were made about each Architecture company based on building visits made by the board.

New Business:

a.) Tom Hoover discussed a new proposal that was being brought to the Town Council on Tuesday, May 21 that would allow people to walk from to different bars in town with alcoholic drinks. This will not be allowed within 200ft. of schools or the Syracuse Public Library.

Other Business:

a.) SB 32: Kim discussed a new bill that was introduced to the Senate that will drastically reduce and restrict libraries to only provide "core functions". This means libraries will be unable to offer services and activities to their patrons unless they have been included in the library's annual budget and has gained approval from local county and city government officials.

b.) Ice Miller and Baker Tilly Agreements: Both Ice Miller and Baker Tilly have sent contracts to the board about receiving Bond Counsel Services. *Nancy Nelson moved, Tom Hoover seconded, and All Approved that Kim will sign these contracts for the board.*

Adjournment:

Jill Howard moved, Jan Rose seconded, all approve.