

EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, December 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Hansen at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to and introduction of new board member: It was determined that no further introductions were necessary.

Roll Call: Present: Hansen, Osborne, Peterson Deb, Peterson TJ, Pritchett, Walker and Wilson
Absent: None.
A quorum was present.

Approval of November 16, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes: Pritchett moved and Walker seconded to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 regular board meeting. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. The motion carried.

Approval of bills to be paid in December: Wilson moved and TJ Peterson seconded to pay the bills in December. Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. The motion carried.

Announcement: President Hansen stated that he would try to make the meetings as brief as possible due to recently being sick with pneumonia.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wilson will report at the January meeting.

Circulation Report: The circulation report was reviewed by the board.

Old Business:

- A. Discussion of the duties, responsibilities and powers and autonomy of a library board:** President Hansen stated we are a governing board, meaning we govern the library, not the city or mayor. President Hansen stated currently the director is a part-time position. There was discussion about part time vs full time employees, but ultimately it was concluded that the board decides.
- B. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy Discussion/Possible action:** A Q&A on legal issues related to COVID-19 from the State Library was provided. It states that the city has the power to close the library even if the board objects, but there is no precedent for the board closing the library if the city objects. In this specific matter, they suggest courts would side with the city if there was a dispute.
- C. Closing of the Library due to COVID-19:** A motion was made by Pritchett that during a pandemic, we will close the library if both employees are sick, the President will contact the current mayor, and signs will be made to put on the door stating that the library is closed due to pandemic. The motion was seconded by Wilson. Ayes – 7. The motion carried.
- D. Temporary Hours:** A motion was made by Osborne that the Director will cover all hours of the library if the Assistant is sick, the Assistant will cover her current hours and the library

hours will be adjusted accordingly if the Director is sick. The motion was seconded by Pritchett. Ayes – 7. The motion carried.

New Business: None

Discussion: Director Jensen handed out information on a service called Kanopy to be reviewed by all board members.

Wilson left at 7:05 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker, Board Secretary