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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW MADRID COUNTY
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MARCH 20, 2025 2:00P.M.
AT THE NEW MADRID COUNTY LIBRARY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: CHERIE RONE, MARINDA THORNBROUGH, BRENDA TILLMAN
MEMBERS ABSENT: JILL BOCK, JOE BRASHEARS**

- I. Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Marinda Thornbrough.**
- II. Minutes of the February 2025 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve the February minutes as amended was made by Cherie Rone; second by Brenda Tillman. All members in favor.**
- III. Financial report and expenses for February and March 2025 were presented. Motion to approve the February and March 2025 report and expenses was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Cherie Rone. All members in favor.**
- IV. Director's Report**
 - a. Update on activities at branches. Portageville had 25 for Storytime and New Madrid had 10. Maura Massey donated Legos to the Library that were given to her and Lego Time at the Library is being planned. New table for kid's area was purchased. The wreath making class scheduled for April 10th is completely full. Opossum presentation by the Conservation Department is the 22nd.
 - b. All Staff meeting was held March 11th at Portageville and will meet quarterly.
 - c. Lonnie Walls will be ready to start the painting of the Portageville Branch in approximately 3 weeks. BP Builders will install the air curtain for the Portageville Branch the 1st weekend in April. Due to the work being performed at the front door, Portageville Branch will be closed that Saturday. The new all-in-one printer will be installed Friday, March 21st.

- d. Audit update—they have sent the adjusting journal entries for 2024; contacted Lori and Alison for questions. The only issue they have found was the separation of duties for bookkeeping which she said they always have with a small group of employees. I informed her that was changing with the addition of Alison as the Assistant Director.
- e. Legislative issue—President Trump's Executive Order to defund the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) would have little effect on the New Madrid County Library System. We do not depend on any Federal Grants for any programs. It could possibly affect Wolfner Talking Book & Braille Library and the Digital Heritage Project; however, we have a paid subscription to Ancestry at our New Madrid Branch. Current funding is not affected; the changes would be for any funding that occurs starting September 2025.
- f. County Tax Reduction—HB903, if passed, would allow personal property tax to not be collected. Real Estate tax would continue to be taxed. An estimated spreadsheet was sent through MPLD to determine what amount the library would possibly lose over the next 3 years which is approximately \$173,109.45.

V. Old Business

- a. Discussion on bids for the Portageville Branch was made by text. Lonnie Walls and Richard Stegall were contacted for bids. Both parties came by the library to take measurements and to be shown areas to paint. Lonnie presented his bid and Richard Stegall did not. Motion to accept the bid by Lonnie Walls was made by Brenda Tillman; second by Cherie Rone. All members in favor.

VI. New Business

- a. 2 new policies were presented—a Library Conduct Policy and a Privacy Policy. The Board decided to table the approval until next month in order to read over the policies.
- b. Parma is without heat and air. Space heaters were purchased to help, but could not withstand the frigid temperatures. Discussion followed. Lori is to contact contractors for bids on the installation of a mini-split unit for Parma.

VII. Other

- a. Summer Reading Program Flyer—dates were moved up a week due to New Madrid adding a week to their school year.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. was made by Cherie Rone; second by Brenda Tillman. All members in favor.

Presiding Officer:

Marinda Thornbrough
Marinda Thornbrough, Vice-President

Director:

Lori Robinson
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