

**MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
February 14, 2024**

ROLL CALL

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. Director Williams and board members Turner, Hilliard, Gryl and Thompson were present. Riesberg and Ropp arrived after the approval of the December board minutes. Keach was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Reports for December and January. The Board reviewed the Quarterly Budget Report for the quarter ending December 2023. **Turner moved and Ropp seconded that that the February bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously. Turner moved and Hilliard seconded to ratify the paying of the January bills. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Invoices Paid		\$30,214.00
Ameren Illinois		601.61
I3 Broadband		368.24
Morton Utilities		441.59
Total Bills:		\$31,625.44
Director		7,398.67
Staff		38,778.88
Payroll Totals:		\$46,177.55
Employer IMRF		\$3,551.72
Employer FICA		\$3,532.62

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Williams presented the Calendar Year Statistics Report which shows a 6% increase in circulation of physical materials over 2022, while still 2% less than 2019 pre-pandemic circulation. However, when physical and digital circulation is combined, the circulation is 6% over 2019 figures. Attendance at programming has increased 4% over 2019 numbers with significant increases in Showtime Summer Reading and Groove in the Garden.

Williams noted that the Community Forecast Breakfast will be held on April 17. She will be speaking about community collaboration and invited board members to attend. The board reviewed weather closing guidelines for winter storms and severe cold. Williams provided an update on the Decennial Committee. The committee will meet in April to review the draft recommendations before submitting to the Board for review and approval at the May meeting.

Director William updated the board on the Centennial Celebration. T-shirts will be ordered for the staff and board members, and will be available to the public for purchase online. A container for donations of "100 pennies for 100 years" will be placed in the children's section encourage participation by the younger patrons. The director will unveil the timeline of 100 years of the library's history during a

casual breakfast presentation on April 15th. Morton Pottery Club is hosting a Pottery Showcase on April 18th at 6:30 pm, and the library will host a 100th Birthday Party for families on April 20th at 10 am. A Century of Stories dessert reception will be held at 7 pm on April 26th, with a variety of presenters. These will include a pottery demonstration, highlights of the Morton History collection, and local author/sports writer Dave Kindred. The library will focus on the building of library in 1982 and its expansion in 1996, complete with a Lego building challenge. There will also be a presentation about the use of technology in library services and the future of the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Gryl moved and Turner seconded to approve revisions to the Home Delivery Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Gryl seconded to approve revisions to the Confidentiality Policy The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Ropp seconded to dispose of certain public property, including two copy machines, a Lego table, blue top round tables, child size stools and six office chairs. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to approve a 5 pm closing on April 26th in order to prepare for the Centennial Celebration dessert reception that evening. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20th at 4:30 pm.