Selover Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Held March 19, 2025

The Selover Public Library Board of Trustees met at the library on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 for their regular monthly meeting. In attendance were Jon Jensen, Jeff Jordan, Joyce Ray, Ronda Siegfried, Candace Thompson, Kristin Weaver and Director Martha Wall.

President Jon Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2025 was presented by Fiscal Officer Jeff Jordan. It was accepted and a copy may be seen in the fiscal officer's file.

OLD BUSINESS: A property encroachment letter has been drafted by Andrew S. Wick, Morrow County Prosecutor, to notify the adjacent landowner that they have a fence that is on the property that the library recently purchased. The board has decided to allow the fence to remain in place and request that the owner of the adjacent property sign a Waiver of Adverse Possession.

25-05: Jeff Jordan made the motion to send the property encroachment letter with the Waiver of Adverse Possession to the landowner. Candace Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jensen – aye, Jordan – aye, Ray – aye, Siegfried – aye, Thompson – aye, Weaver – aye.

Director Wall reported that the Ohio Library Council Legislative Day will be held on April 8, 2025. At this time, Director Wall, Jeff Jordan and Candace Thompson will be attending. Kristin Weaver is going to check to see if she will be able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: The Records committee met prior to the start of the monthly board meeting to go over the Records Retention Schedule. The committee did not find any changes that needed to be made to the existing policy.

25-06: Joyce Ray made the motion to approve the Records Retention Schedule as currently written. Ronda Siegfried seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jensen – aye, Jordan – aye, Ray – aye, Siegfried – aye, Thompson – aye, Weaver – aye.

Director Wall reported that the library had been awarded the LSTA Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors (COBAA) Grant in the amount of \$948. This grant was funded by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and was awarded by the State Library of Ohio.

25-07: Candace Thompson made the motion to accept the award of \$948 and approve the appropriation of the LSTA COBBA Grant in order to purchase books. Jon Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jensen - aye, Jordan - aye, Ray - aye, Siegfried - aye, Thompson - aye, Weaver - aye.

Director Wall reported that the library had also been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities. This is a privately funded grant awarded through the ALA to be used for building improvements.

25-08: Joyce Ray made the motion to accept the award of \$10,000 and approve the appropriation of the ALA grant for accessibility improvements to the library property with \$9,500 being spent towards building improvements and \$500 being spent on contracted services. Candace Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jensen – aye, Jordan – aye, Ray – aye, Siegfried – aye, Thompson – aye, Weaver – aye.

Selover Library is looking for sponsors to help with the Summer Reading Program. Director Wall shared a letter that is being sent out to community partners that might wish to help sponsor the Summer Reading Program.

There is discussion of a local Friends of the Library group being started as a non-profit to benefit a few of the libraries in the county. Director Wall is going to gather more information for the board members.

The board looked over a park usage policy and reviewed options for signage that could be posted if the library decides to create a park or trails on the newly purchased lot. This policy has been tabled until a later date.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Wall shared that the book drop in Sparta had been hit by a school snow plow. The school district has put in an insurance claim to fix/replace the drop box. She also reported that the sidewalk in front of the library needed some repair work near the location of the water line repair that took place last year. The library should not be responsible for these repair costs.

Library Statistics for February 2025 were shared.

Images of the following activities sponsored by the library were shared: Story Time, Outreach Story Time, Cooking with Laurie, Crafts with Laurie, Homeschool Book Club, Robotics Level 2, 3D Printing Class, Highland Kindergarten Visit, Selover Shelfies Book Club, Officially Speaking, Chess Club, March Food Drive, Outreach: Highland Family Love of Learning Night, Outreach: Farm Bureau Breakfast, Upcoming: Community Grief Connection Group, Upcoming: Woods Cleanup, Nursing Home Outreach and Karen's Kids Outreach.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Jon Jensen, President

Kristin Weaver, Secretary