

**City of Tipton Municipal Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 25, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeanne Edwards, president, called to order the regular meeting of the City of Tipton Municipal Library District Board of Trustees at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at Price James Memorial Library, Tipton, Mo.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: The following trustees were present: Jeanne Edwards, Reta Bestgen, Debbie Schreck, Karla Pettigrew, Emily Heard, Georgianne Morgan and Lianne Twyman. Trustees Lori Bestgen and Kerry Uptergrove were absent. Library Director Marsha Nelson was also present.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA:

Debbie Schreck made a motion to approve the amended agenda for Jan. 25, 2024. Georgianne Morgan seconded and the motion carried.

V. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Karla Pettigrew previously distributed the minutes of the Dec. 28, 2023, meeting via email. Georginna Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes, Reta Bestgen seconded and the motion carried.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lori Bestgen provided copies of the treasurer's report which included a review of the general ledger, balance sheet and the current operating budget and also the budget for 2024. Jeanne Edwards presented the report. Emily Heard made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Debbie Schreck seconded and the motion carried.

VII. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marsha Nelson, library director, previously distributed the December circulation report via email and gave a general update with the following items.

Jennifer Cary: Report that Jennifer's surgery went very well. She is at home recuperating.

Spire Bill: Not too much of an increase with the gas bill considering how cold the weather has been.

Bingo Reading Challenge: A Bingo Reading Challenge is running from Jan. 1 to March 21. One person has already completed the black out. Prizes were suggested, including T-shirts, gift cards.

Snow Days: Price James Library was closed three days due to the frigid weather. Marsha did log in and take care of emails and other needs on those days. The city of Tipton maintenance crew did an outstanding job taking care of removing snow from the ramps, sidewalks and stairs. Marsha called and thanked the city.

Leadership Moniteau County: Leadership Moniteau County met in Jamestown on Thursday, Jan. 18, with an education emphasis presented by Vice Chancellor for University of Missouri Extension and Engagement Chad Higgins and University of Missouri System President Dr. Mun Choi. The next meeting will be at Tipton Correctional Center.

Classes resumed: When schools reopened after the holidays, school classes and chess resumed as did story time.

State Aid: Financial aid to libraries is budgeted by the Missouri General Assembly. The 160 public library districts are allocated aid based on a per capita rate of their district. The library will receive state funding in May and November for this fiscal year and the aid may be used as the district wishes. Another source of state aid to libraries, Athletics and Entertainers Tax, is to be used solely for collection development.

House Bill 2498: This is a bill that has been presented to the 102nd General Assembly. The bill would require public libraries that are authorized to levy or collect taxes to be governed by an elected library board. In discussion with Rep. Willard Haley, Marsha learned that the bill applies to library districts authorized to levy taxes. In the case of Tipton Municipal Library District, the city and not the library is the one authorizing a levy. Therefore the bill would appear to not impact the library's operation but Marsha will keep an eye on its progress through the legislature.

VIII: FRIENDS OF PRICE JAMES LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

IX: PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Nothing to report

X: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lighted Sign: Gabe Knipp has ordered new lights and magnet holders to be installed to replace old lighting that is not working.

Library Clerk Evaluation: Marsha reported she had completed an evaluation of the library clerk and discussed the results with the clerk.

XI: NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Karla Pettigrew made a motion to approve the budget for 2024 that was presented. Lianne Tywann seconded motion and motion passed.

CD renewals: Emily Heard made a motion to renew two CDs at Tipton Latham Bank for eight months at the rate of 5.05 percent. Reta Bestgen seconded motion and motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting was set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karla Pettigrew