

MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
March 12, 2025

ROLL CALL

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Director Williams and all board members Turner, Keach, Gryl, Hilliard, Riesberg, Ropp and Thompson were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 12, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes from the February 17, 2025 Special Meeting regarding the Strategic Plan Learning Report were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. The MCB CD coming due in March will be renewed for 24 months at a rate of 3.44%. The Goodfield State Bank CD coming due in April will likely be reinvested in a CD at a Morton bank. Goodfield does not have a local branch and does not offer electronic banking.

Ropp moved and Hilliard seconded that the March bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.

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Invoices Paid		\$43,530.52
Ameren Illinois		579.63
I3 Broadband		397.23
Morton Utilities		982.86
Total Bills:		\$45,490.24
Director		\$ 7,620.63
Staff		37,459.99
Payroll Total:		\$45,080.62
Employer IMRF		\$ 4,907.32
Employer FICA		\$ 3,448.66

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Williams brought sample tables and chairs for the Board to view. If purchased, these would replace the furnishings in the Reuling room. They are lighter and easier to fold and store.

Williams provided an update of the plans for the 10th anniversary of Hannah's Reading Garden. The ten Groove in the Garden concerts to held between May 30th to August 8th have been scheduled. The Garden will host a 10th Birthday Party; patrons will open the "gifts" which will be a selection of outdoor games that can be checked out to be used in the Garden or at

home. A Story Walk will be installed on the grounds. The Walters have offered to fund this project. A date for a ribbon cutting ceremony will be determined.

The Board reviewed the proposed Vision and Mission Statements which were generated as a result of the Strategic Plan process. The Board agreed to accept the second Vision Statement, but asked that the Mission Statement be reworked. Williams will discuss the matter with Amanda Standerfer and will bring new proposals to the April Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Gryl moved and Ropp seconded to approve the Lawn Care contract with Staley Lawncare. The motion carried unanimously. Williams will secure a quote for application of weed control to the lawn, as the quote only included weed control in landscaping beds.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Public Posting Policy. **Gryl moved and Ropp seconded to keep the current policy as written, with the only changes being "Checkout Desk" as opposed to "Circulation Desk" and "website address" as opposed to "URL". The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Computer and Internet Use Policy; predominately the removal of the current mission statement from the policy. **Hilliard moved and Thompson seconded to accept the noted changes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the MPL Credit Card Policy. No changes were proposed.

Gryl moved and Keach seconded to approve a 5pm closing time on July 25th to accommodate an Adult Summer Reading Party with indoor mini-golf. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Laura Turner and Candidate Scott Mousty will present at the Candidate Forum at Bertha Frank on this evening from 6-8 pm.

Thompson noted that the library offered a volunteer opportunity to a young man with a disability. The job has been a good fit for both the library and the volunteer.

Riesberg revisited the possibility of a employing a business coach, as discussed at December Board Meeting. The issue will be added to the April agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30 pm.