

## Eldorado Memorial Public Library District

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting: May 8, 2025

Present: Trustees – Jeff Campbell, Kacy Lapington, Taylor Barr, Hailey Parker, Audra Poore, Kara Lloyd and library director, Keith Robinson.

Absent: Trustee – Mike Vessel

President Jeff Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Public Citizenry - None

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. There was a credit card breakdown to show that the airplane tickets had been purchased for the ALA conference. Keith talked to the library's attorney, Marty Watson, about the Working Cash Fund. Hailey Parker made a motion to approve the report and pay the bills. Taylor Barr seconded the motion. All voted "aye" with a roll call vote.

Librarian's Report – Keith Robinson presented the librarian's report. Notary services are starting on Saturdays. Twenty-eight people came for Books with Mrs. Barr. Corina attended the Celebrity Reader at the Elementary school. Library staff is continuing the clean-up of the shelves and organization in the building. The computers in the technology section have been rearranged. Keith met with Marty Watson about our budget for the coming year.

Keith is meeting one on one with staff members once a month to talk and see if there are concerns, experiences and expectations. Library staff attended the Reaching Forward South Conference in Effingham. It was a good way to learn about the Illinois library world. The book bike should be in the first week of June. We talked about the status of SHARE amid the federal cuts. Keith feels that everything is going well with his new job. The board is happy to have him and pleased with his performance.

During the month of April, a total of 1422 books and media were checked out. In addition, 367 were loaned out to other libraries, and our library received 360 items from other libraries. There were 20 Mango sessions and 10 new library cards registered. The total receipt for April was \$666.65.

Swearing in of Trustees and Oath of Office for new terms

Kara Lloyd resigned from secretary temporarily so Audra Poore could sign her back in. Jeff Campbell, Kacy Lapington and Hailey Parker swore oaths of office. Re-elected trustees will keep the current slate of officers.

#### Unfinished Business –

1. Community Garden Progress—Library assistant director, Corina Gilley, is working on repurposing of library containers for plants and flowers. She is keeping her budget under \$300.

#### New Business –

1. Discuss Non Resident Agreement Program and Fee – current fee is \$90. Keith asked to renew the non-resident program and fee. Hailey Parker made a motion to keep the fee the same. Audra Poore seconded the motion.
2. Decide Plan for the old set of library doors, currently housed with Marilyn King – The board discussed the doors. Is there a possibility that someone might want the doors before they are taken to the dump. Keith is going to check with Corina and then the art club before offering for free on marketplace.
3. Review of dealing with problem patrons – Middle school students are terrorizing the library. Keith has been writing the children up. The police have been here a couple of times. The last time they took the children home and talked to their parents. Keith feels that has made a bit of a difference. Kara Lloyd is going to talk to the middle school principal to see if that will make a difference in their behavior.
4. Review security camera quote from Security Alarm – Keith wants to cut ties with Beam Alarms. Carl from Security Alarm has been here and gave us a quote of almost \$3,700 with a monthly recurring fee of \$90. The board feels that this quote was too high. There was discussion of more security for the community garden.
5. Other new business

Friends of the Library has some money in an account. There was talk about starting up the Friends of the Library again.

Adjournment -- Kacy Lapington motioned to adjourn at 7:19 pm and Hailey Parker seconded the motion. The next meeting will be June 12, 2025.

Submitted by Kara Lloyd, Board Secretary