

Minutes for December 11, 2024

The Berlin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Kay Roethel at 4:30. In attendance were Trustees Blazel, Draves, Durtschi, Malchetske, Rainboth, and Roethel. trustee Guertler attended virtually. Also in attendance was Library Director Chris Kalupa.

President Roethel opened the meeting by advocating for Trustees to consider filing to be a Winnefox System Trustee.

Moved by Guertler, seconded by Malchetske to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Passed.

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Rainboth to accept the monthly bills for November. Passed.

Moved by Blazel, seconded by Draves to accept the Treasurer's report for November. Passed.

Library Director's report: complete copy attached to official minutes

Kalupa report that the new meeting room elements would be delivered Monday, December 16 and the installation was scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, December 18-19.

She reported that landscaping and tree planting would take place in the spring.

Trustee Rainboth that various artifacts may go to an auction house in Tucson AZ.

Malchetske moved, Draves seconded that Rainboth should proceed with sending the artifacts to the auction house after the first of 2025. Passed.

Kalupa reported on the 2025 budget: 3% COL increase in salaries, 0% increase in remainder of the budget.

No action was taken on the bonding of the Treasurer since the existing contract through the City runs through 2025.

Trustee Draves reported on activities of the Friends of the Library: \$325 in extra donations from membership drive, letters from Santa, Tree in the Park, contribution toward staff attending WLA, Santa Story Time, Playaways.

Moved by Rainboth, seconded by Draves to accept the report of the Personnel Committee. Passed.

Business for future agenda: Painting of WCTS room, carpeting, meeting room update, artifacts update

Moved by Malchetske, seconded by Draves to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Guertler, Secretary