

**Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting February 19, 2025
Drassler Conference Room**

Jessica Trudeau was sworn in as new Trustee of the Bradley Public Library before the start of the regular meeting by Marie Cowden, Recording Secretary.

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Trustees Present: Karen Bayer, Madonna Benoit, Brandon Hawkins, Jessica Trudeau

Trustees Absent: Nick Allen, Lucson Edme

Also Present: Jodie DePatis, Director, Marie Cowden, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Benoit seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Executive Session. Trustee Benoit seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS:

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and to accept vendor payments in the amount of \$94,523.28 for the month of January 2025. Trustee Benoit seconded and motion carried by roll call of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Grants:** For the 2025 PNG grant, classes have resumed including another session of Cooking Lab and new Code Breakers which focuses on creating puzzles for an escape room. DePatis also participated in a Zoom mentor meeting on February 6. The 2025 Per Capita grant has been completed and sent to the Illinois State Library. The Library's SAM.gov renewal has been completed.
- **Continuing Education:** Director DePatis attended the quarterly PrairieCat meeting via Zoom on January 29. An all-staff meeting is set for February 21 at 2:30pm. The library will be closing at 2:00pm. A second meeting for evening staff will be scheduled in early March.
- **Programs:** The "Cozy Up and Read" winter reading program ended January 31, 2025 with 37 youth and 31 adults participating. Our middle school anti-Valentines Nerf Wars on February 14th was a success. Upcoming programs include a mobile pantry set for March 26, 2025 during spring break and our 7th annual Say Yes to the Prom Dress event scheduled for March 29 & 30 and April 5. Times TBA in early March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Finance Committee:** The finance committee reported the Midland Bank CD matured and then was transferred to the new account set up at People's Bank to accrue more interest. People's Bank will allow 10 checks for free per month and money can easily be moved in and out of account by phone or in person. Trustee Bayer stated that Director DePatis will evaluate the amount needed in the new account for paying future bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **2025 Consolidated Election:** Trustee Bayer stated for the April 1, 2025 election that Trustee Rorabaugh submitted completed paperwork. Trustee Hawkins is a write-in candidate and his candidate form has been completed and submitted. New Trustee Trudeau is taking seat of recently resigned Trustee LaMore. Trustee Bayer also stated that a new Trustee is needed due to the resignation of Trustee Rorabaugh.
- **Statement of Economic Interest:** Trustee Bayer informed Trustees that they will be receiving an email in March instructing them to fill out Statement of Economic Interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Closing on Saturday, July 5, 2025:** Trustee Hawkins made a motion for the library to be closed on Saturday, July 5, 2025. Trustee Trudeau seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Director DePatis stated that an email was received from Karriann Longtin thanking the board for continuing to provide electronic resources for Bradley Public Library patrons. Her family has appreciated having access to use them every month.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:49 p.m. Trustee Trudeau made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Benoit seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madonna Benoit
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary