**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Vinton Public Library Board**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

**Vinton Public Library – Virginia Holsten Board Room**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jimmy Kelly at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Board members in attendance: Whitney Bowen, Dave Gates, Ann Harrison, Jimmy Kelly (Board Chair), Jen Kreutner (Secretary), Michele Lash, Julie Piper, and Matt Walston, and Matt Wilden. Library Director Kelly Henkle was also in attendance.

Motion to approve agenda by D. Gates. 2nd by M. Wilden. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by J. Piper to approve consent agenda. 2nd by W. Bowen. Motion carried 9-0.

There were no public comments.

Friends of the Library Report was given by Director Henkle. She reported that she had reached out to the Friends group about the mobile shelving. The Friends are planning to keep their original fundraising goal amount for the year so they can use the funds for other projects at the library after the mobile shelving is paid for. The next meeting of the Friends will be Thursday, Jan. 16.

Board Continuing Education: Director Henkle shared results of a study by the New York Public Library and the University of Pennsylvania’s Positive Psychology Center on the positive influence of libraries on individual and community well-being.

Old Business:

* Board discussed the purchase of the remaining 8 shelves of mobile shelving. Director Henkle plans to approach the Friends of the Library about using $5,000 of funds raised for these shelves, which would leave a need of approximately $3,000 to cover the remaining cost. Motion by A. Harrison to use $3,000 of recent donations to the library to complete the purchase of the remaining 8 shelves, pending the approval from the Friends of the Library to use the $5,000 of funds raised by their organization. 2nd by M. Lash. Motion carried 9-0.
* Director Henkle proposed FY26 budget adjustments to library staff salaries from a 3% increase to a 3.5% increase to keep them in line with city employee salary increases. Motion by M. Wilden to approve the amended salary proposals on the FY26 budget. 2nd by W. Bowen. Motion passed 9-0.

New Business:

* Motion by M. Walston to list two rows of library shelving being replaced by mobile shelving and two rocking chairs on govdeals.com. 2nd by J. Piper. Motion passed 9-0.
* VPL Ethics Policy was reviewed by the board. Motion by W. Bowen to re-approve the policy as written. 2nd by M. Wilden. Motion carried 9-0.

Director K. Henkle gave the Director’s Report. She reported that circulation continues to increase and programming is well attended. Orkin has completed the bat guano removal and insulation replacement. Four mobile bookcases have been purchased and delivered to the library. The Benton County Library Association, including Director Henkle, will meet with the Benton County Supervisors on Tuesday, January 21 to report on their activities and services to the patrons in the county. There will be a mobile display during Black History Month at VPL, and the Red Carpet Party will be held on Sunday, March 2nd.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 by M. Wilden. 2nd by M. Walston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Kreutner

Secretary