Lodi Whittier Library Board of Trustees
February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to order 6:32 pm

The Lodi Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting was held at the library.

Attendees

Lorraine McCue; Karel Titus; Micci Bogard; Karen Shepherd; Laura Rowley, Director; John Henderson; Diana Lyttle, Jack Burrows, and Anna Holmberg. Lou Whitlock, Programs and Marketing Coordinator, attended via Zoom.

Not present: Susie Van Riper.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Karel

Seconded by: Lorraine

Motion carried? Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Lorraine

Seconded by: Diana

Motion carried? Unanimously

Public Comment

Lorraine stated that Carl Same and Tiffany Polk, the county Democratic and Republican commission chairs, visited the library today and deemed it to be acceptable for use as the polling place! Whatever preparations need to occur will take place before the next election, which may take place in June.

Karel stated that the Lodi Town Board is scheduled to meet tomorrow night, and trustees are encouraged to attend in order to be up to date on Town Board and community happenings.

Statements of Conflict of Interest

No trustee stated a conflict of interest.

Treasurer's Report

Micci presented the treasurer's report, including the profit and loss statement, general ledger, and expenses.

We received the Tourism grant money from the Seneca County Board of Supervisors for the EV charging station.

Motion to pay the bills and approve all expenses as presented to be paid: Lorraine

Seconded by: Karel

Motion carried? Unanimously

Director's Report

Laura presented the Director's Report, including:

- Statistics: are healthy across categories.
- Lou talked about January's programming, including the Teen Takeover, Tyke Tales, the community garden, and more. There was strong interest and attendance at most or all events, across a variety of topics.
- Lou broached the idea of hosting a drag story hour in June, for Pride Month, and knows someone who could do it. The board weighed the net community benefit against the potential for protests or worse from people who might oppose the idea. The board decided that for this year, we will not hold a drag story hour, but will provide other kinds of robust and varied programming for Pride Month.

Old business

- EV Charging station : we have received the funds, but do not have the actual station yet - details about the installation still to come, possibly when the ground is not frozen.

New Business

- Approve Annual Report to State

Motion to accept the 2024 Annual Report and submit it to the state: Micci

Seconded by: Jack

Motion carried? Unanimously

- 2025 Seneca County Ask: the library's ask to Seneca County increased this year by 10%, from $25,000 to $27,500.
- SSCS Tax Levy Ask: Ovid intends to increase their ask by 3.66% to $89,000.

Motion to increase the library's ask on the SSCS school ballot by 2.5% to $88,000 or the amount that Interlaken will ask (not to exceed 5%), whichever is greater: Karen

Seconded by: Lorraine

Motion carried: Unanimously

- Risk Management Resources: the board reviewed risk management exercises in light of the current changes at the federal level. The board needs to continue to be vigilant and forward-looking in creating robust risk management responses for the library, a challenging task given the volatile climate.

Motion to adjourn: Micci

Seconded by: Lorraine

Motion carried? Unanimously

The next meeting will be held on March 11th at 6:30pm.

Adjourned at 7:47 pm

Name: *Karen Shepherd*		3/11/2025
Title: Secretary		Date of approval