



Marengo-Union Library District Board Meeting

Date: October 22, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Marengo-Union Library, 19714 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, IL

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jay Filler at 7:32pm

Roll Call

Trustees Present:	Shari Kagan, Desiree Sierens, Paul Garcia, Judi Alden, David Martin, Jay Filler
Trustees Absent:	Tom Schermerhorn
Staff Present:	Sondra Terry, Kailey Sachs, Laura Santowski
Public Present:	Madie Medina

Additional Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Shari 2nd by David

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

Public Forum

Two Library staff members addressed the board, voicing concerns regarding the Library Director's performance. The Library Director voluntarily left for this portion during the forum.

Financial Report

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report.

Moved by Dave 2nd by Judi

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

Vendor's list and New Vendors

A motion was made to approve the vendor's list. New vendors: Schaumburg Township District Library and Mark A. Ritzman (Peregrine, Stine, Newman, Ritzman, and Bruckner, Ltd)

Moved by Desiree 2nd by Shari

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

Communications

Jay submitted a drawing proposal from Jim Carmichael for a potential canopy installation at the front entrance. A request was made for a Building Committee meeting to be scheduled for December.

Library Director's Report

Tabled

Standing Committee Reports

None

Old and New Business

Approval of the Patron Services Manager/Technical Services Clerk job description was tabled.

A motion was made to approve Holiday Closings for 2025.

Moved by Judi 2nd by Desiree

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

Approval of the Mark Engagement Letter was tabled.

A motion was made to approve disposal of broken Library items.

Moved by Desiree 2nd by Shari

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

A motion was made to enter Executive Session regarding Personnel (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) at 8:38pm.

Moved by Judi 2nd by David

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

A motion was made to exit Executive Session regarding Personnel (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) at 9:33pm.

Moved by Paul 2nd by Shari

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

A motion was made to approve an expenditure up to the amount of \$2,500 to hire a mediator, who will access the current grievances and present their findings to the board.

Moved by Shari 2nd by Desiree

Yes: Shari Kagan, Paul Garcia, Desiree Sierens, Tom Schermerhorn, Judi Alden, Jay Filler

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Jay Filler at 9:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra Terry: Library Director