

**Regular Meeting
Nioga Board of Trustees
August 20, 2024
Nioga Headquarters**

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The regular meeting of the Nioga Library System Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

In-person: Charles Begley, Jeanne Tuohey, Patty Nagel, Andrea Fetterly, Marilyn Zaciewski, Howard Balaban, Tammy Kinan and Dan Haight

Excused: Jeffrey Laub, Kristie Miller and Craig Bacon

Staff members present: Thomas Bindeman, Lisa Erickson and Laura Jeffery

OPEN HEARING

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Haight led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION: Lisa Erickson introduced Laura Herold, Youth Services Consultant. She spoke briefly about the Summer Reading program and other activities in her department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Ms. Kinan to accept the minutes from the June 25, 2024 meeting. Ms. Fetterly seconded and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit Committee

The Monthly Budget Reports for June and July 2024 were included in the Board Packet. Also included was the Monthly Payroll Report.

Schedule of Payments

June 2024	
2024-06PR, GF, & SRF	\$ 24,805.29
LAA Account 2024-06	\$ 33,569.09
July 2024	
2023-07PR, GF & SRF	\$ 118,103.72
LAA Account 2024-07	\$ 6,497.77

Mr. Haight state that he has reviewed the accounts.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Haight stated there will be a committee meeting for Buildings and Grounds at 5:00 pm, September 24, 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Committee Assignments

Revised Committee Assignments Report was included in the Board packet.

Union Contract

The new CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO Union contract was included in the Board Packet.

Patron stats/Items Owned

A monthly report was included in the Board packet.

Barker Grand Opening

Mr. Begley stated Barker Public Library is having a Grand Opening on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10 AM.

Local Library Services Aid (LLSA)

Mr. Begley stated each member library receives a specific amount based on population...90% now and the final 10% later.

Action: It was moved by Ms. Tuohey to accept the Local library Services Aid in the amount of \$81,959 and pay it out to member libraries according to the chart provided. Mr. Balaban seconded and the motion carried.

Library Tour

Board members toured Hoag Library, Lee-Whedon Memorial Library and Yates Community Library on August 15th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Update on State Funding

Thomas Bindeman stated that next year's funding will be tougher with more cutbacks.

FY2023 Audit

Mr. Bindeman stated some questions are still being finalized.

Discussion on New Vehicle Purchase

Thomas Bindeman stated he would like to replace the 2006 blue Caravan. He is asking the Board for approximately \$35,000.00 to purchase a new or used vehicle.

ACTION: It was moved by Ms. Zaciewski to allocate \$35,000.00 to purchase a new/used vehicle. Mr. Haight seconded and the motion carried.

Legislators' Fundraisers

Mr. Bindeman continues to attend as many fundraisers as he can.

County Funding

Niagara County

A report was included in the Board Packet.

ACTION: It was moved by Mr. Haight to disperse the Niagara County funds as presented in the Chart. Ms. Nagel seconded and the motion carried.

Genesee County

Mr. Bindeman stated we haven't received Genesee County funds yet.

Directors' Call

Thomas Bindeman stated the time of this call needed to be changed because of a last minute call with the State.

Articles of Interest

Articles on Barker Library, Niagara Falls Library and the Summer Reading Adventure Map Program were included in the Board Packet.

Communication, Advocacy and Outreach Report

Barker Charter Update

Lisa Erickson stated Barker Public Library is applying for an Absolute Charter, however it has been discovered that the Barker Free Library was never dissolved. This will need to be done before the Board of Regents will consider their charter upgrade. This paperwork will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Trustee Newsletter

Lisa Erickson stated the first Nioga Trustee Newsletter went out to all Trustees and Directors the first week in August.

2023/2024 Construction Grant Update:

Lisa Erickson stated member libraries haven't received their award letter as of yet.

2024/2025 Construction Grant Update

Grant applications will be reviewed by the Building and Grounds Committee at the September Meeting

Youth Services Update

A month report was included in the Board packet

Extension Services Update:

A monthly report was included in the Board packet

MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Ms. Zaciewski informed the Board that former Nioga Trustee, Mr. Bob Presutti has passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

OTHER

None presented

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The next Nioga Board Meeting is **September 24, 2024**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Secretary