

Indian River Area Library
Regular Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

August 20, 2019

- I. Call to Order – 4:45 PM
Present: Patty Hull, Patti Brown, Kristina Moutrie, Amanda Baker, David Hill, Kathy Cole
Also Present: Mara Klco, Director; Karen Hill, Friends of the Library; Shirley Bruursema, Millage Specialist
- II. Approval of Agenda
Hull moved to approve the agenda. Support offered by Cole, all ayes.
- III. Approval of Minutes
Cole moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019. Hull offered support, all ayes.
- IV. Financial Report
Baker moved to accept the financial report as presented. Support offered by Moutrie, all ayes.
- V. Public Comment – Agenda Items
None.
- VI. Friends of the Library Report
Karen Hill shared updates on donations made, membership drive, Mah-Jong tournament, 2020 Wine with Friends, potential millage marketing, and recruitment of Board Members.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Millage
Bruursema presented to the Board on best practices for millage campaigns based on her extensive experience with successful campaigns. Suggestions included the following:
 - List improvements that would be result of the millage
 - Look at what else will be on the 2020 ballot
 - Start a “Yes” committee to market the campaign
 - Look at neighboring and similar sized libraries to compare needs and funding
 - Meet with local organizations
 - Get list of absentee voters from County
 - Send info with school packets

Break

- b. Makerspace

After a brief discussion it was determined the Library should move forward with the makerspace in January after a bit more planning and when the Library is slower for the winter.

c. Koehler Township

Koehler Township submitted a proposed agreement offering 50% of penal fines. Klco will look into potential legalities or collecting only penal fines for a multiple year contract.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Director's Report

Klco updated the Board on Summer Reading Program numbers, Winter Reading Program plans, and upcoming events including secondary school programs.

X. Public Comment

Hill updated the Board on the Indian River DDA's Streetscape Project, finalization of staff area behind the circulation desk, and looking for Board Members for the 2020 election.

Hull shared positive feedback on the stop action animation program.

XI. Adjournment – 7:30 PM

Cole moved to adjourn. Support offered by Moutrie, all ayes.