

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 10, 2024**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Carmen Bross, Mark Parker, Chris Bechtold, Greg Hockemeyer, Joel Frank and Director Michael Ashby.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Carmen Bross.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular June Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Mark Parker.
Seconded by Joel Frank. Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The summer learning program went really well this year with over 525 passports given out.

Mike gave an explanation on the state requirements for continuing education for library workers.

PHP recently conducted a Wellness Screening and Health Fair for staff. All but 7 staff members chose to participate.

AME, our technology vendor, completed the server evaluation project and were able to get rid of some of the unnecessary servers which will save us over \$200 each month.

Mike shared a chart showing monthly electric consumption and costs.

Mike has had additional contact with MKM for the solar project to go forward. Greg suggested having a learning aspect with a possible small model or something showing how it works.

Mike will be attending a budget workshop on Friday, July 12.

DISCUSSION

Joel had a few questions about the take & go craft bags given out at our First Friday's booth and also if there is any cost incurred for the Ghost Hunt at the library.

It was asked if there were any complaints on the Pride displays in June and also about the Disability Pride month display in the Children's department. Mike explained that the Disability pride display is about taking pride in yourself, despite a physical and/or mental disability.

Joel asked about a particular book in the youth department and if the library has a discretionary policy on the selection of books. Mike explained the process of book selection and that there is a challenge process in place.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the July 2024 claims was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Chris Bechtold. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by President Carmen Bross.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parker, Secretary