

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Ritter Public Library convened in regular session at 7:00 PM in the Ritter Public Library Ritter Room. Warden called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Lois Arnold	Present
Doug Brown	Present
Eileen Bulan	Present
Chad Coolidge	Present
Pam Reese	Present
Marie Warden	Present
Joseph Weeks	Present

Employees: C. Grizzell, C. Springer

Visitors: Cindy Andrews, Pat Farley

Certification of Notification:

Springer certified that a notice of the meeting had been published in the May 8, 2025, edition of the *Vermilion Photojournal*, in addition to the Ritter Public Library social media outlets and Library Website.

Approval of Minutes:

Warden moved that the April 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented, and Weeks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Presentation from Lorain Co Community Foundation about Connect for a Cause

Cindy Andrews, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Lorain County, spoke about Connect for a Cause, and the potential benefits of the Endowment Fund Board participating in the fundraiser (distributed information attached).

Reese asked what our current association is with Lorain County Community Foundation. Pat Farley explained that they have a contract with the Endowment Board since the Endowment Fund Board's inception. The annual disbursement we receive from the Lorain County Community Foundation comes from the Endowment Fund Board's fundraising. The EFB has given 18 grants, totaling to over \$140,000.00. Discussed potential issues with fundraising by both the Ritter Endowment and the Ritter Foundation.

Arnold motioned to allow the Endowment Fund Board to participate in the Connect to a Cause fundraiser, and Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Director’s Report:

Grizzell reviewed the Director’s report (attached).

SUN Meals came today to train employees about the summer meals for children program through the Children’s Hunger Alliance.

An anonymous group donated a “bucket” of money that they raised.

Financial Report:

Springer reviewed the Fiscal Officer’s report (attached).

Reese moved to accept the financials as presented, and Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Friends

Reese reported on the Friends (attached).

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Session

Rescheduling the planning session. June 7 from 10am – 2pm will be the new planning session date.

New Business:

Deaccessioned Furniture Sale

The Board has already voted to put some of the old antique furniture up for a furniture sale. Grizzell requested that the Board approve that we put some of library old furniture up for sale as well. The Board approved this. After the Friend’s book sale, we will bring everything out into the Community Room and post prices on things.

Arnold moved that we allow the furniture to be put up for public sale, and Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to Approve New Endowment Fund Board Members, Josh Dewey, Rita Blanford, and David Varga.

Warden moved to approve the new EFB members, and Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Warden moved the Board into Executive Session to discuss the promotion and compensation of two public employees, and matters required to be confidential by federal law. No decisions will be made as a result of Executive Session. Reese seconded the motion. The roll call vote resulted as follows:
Arnold – Aye; Brown – Aye; Bulan – Aye; Coolidge – Aye; Reese – Aye; Warden – Aye;
Weeks – Aye.*

*Board moved into executive session at 7:49pm.
Board moved out of executive session at 8:10pm.*

Move to Adjourn: Bulan moved to adjourn, and Weeks seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Ritter Public Library.

Caroline Springer
Fiscal Officer

Marie Warden
President – Board of Trustees