

**Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting  
July 1, 2024 5:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, July 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. Those present were President Matt Maschmann (via phone), Secretary Beth Meldrem, Treasurer Jamie McClenathan, Board Members - Bob Lacina, Mary Jo Collum, Carla Kriegel, and Library Director Josh Gerard.  
Absent: Chris Hurst

Also Present: Sherry Korns-Johnson

President Matt Maschmann called the meeting to order at 5pm. Minutes were read. Motion by: Carla; 2nd by Bob to approve the June 3, 2024 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report**

- 1st State Bank Checking - \$29,730.11
- Building & Maintenance Fund - \$3,221.87
- 1st State Bank CDs - \$31,277.52

**CLAIMS**

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| ● Brooklyn Municipal Utilities | \$387.84  |
| ● Brooklyn Telecommunications  | \$ 77.20  |
| ● VISA (books)                 | \$665.87  |
| ● VISA (supplies)              | \$ 33.97  |
| ● Apollo Subscriptions         | \$990.00  |
| ● Brooklyn Hardware            | \$123.98  |
| ● Payroll                      | \$4412.35 |
| ● 1st State Bank               | \$763.58  |
| ● IPERS                        | \$ 503.36 |
| ● Treasurer State of Iowa      | \$86.00   |
| ● Wellmark                     | \$522.99  |

Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Carla to approve the above claims. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business -None**

**New Business -**

- The automated door is not always working properly. To be ADA compliant, the door will need to be fixed. Mary Jo will follow up on this.
- Jamie will need access to the bank statements/information

- Each board member will keep & bring their board book to all meetings
- Matt will check with City about pest control services
- Library Staff will begin the process of weeding out old books

### Library Director's Report

A. Epic Story Times – Kids have enjoyed turtles, baby goats, puppets, and magicians. The Malcom story time will now take place on July 17 at Malcom City Park

B. Record numbers for June – 1,369 patrons visited the Library in June. This breaks the previous record set in 2022 of 1,368.

C. Summer Reading is going great! Thank you to our sponsors: Brooklyn Community Estates, Bear Creek Insurance, Brooklyn Grocery, Brooklyn Municipal Utilities, Brooklyn Opera House, Center Ground, The Classic Deli, Cubs Automotive, Farm Bureau, First State Bank, Friends of the Library, and Upfront Floral.

These local businesses provided ice cream, mystery bags with toys and candy, smoothies, cash prizes, kids meals, popcorn, and a special movie event, all to help incentive summer reading for kids.

D. Brooklyn Chronicle digitized up to 1995 – These records have been viewed 1,800 times in the past 3 months.

E. Quarterly Report – We had **64** reference requests. **426** patrons used our computers, and **324** accessed our wifi. There were **45** meetings in our conference room. We welcomed **75** new members and renewed **152**. We had **284** patrons for class field trips from BGM. **435** people showed up for weekly Wednesday Story Times. **139** kids signed up for our summer reading program. **44** came to the monthly book club. We provided books to **44** patrons via our Bookmobile to Brooklyn Community Estates. We provided notary services **56** times. **95** people came to our newly renovated children’s area open house. And **134** young patrons participated in our new E-Sports program.

The next meeting will be Monday August 5, 2024 at 5 pm

Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Carla to adjourn board meeting at 5:20pm