

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

November 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:32 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Tom Murray, Keri English, Julie Mason, Patti Blatti
Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Sara Kowalewski from the Friends of the Library Foundation presented the library the gift of the tree shelf for the Elwood branch.

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 28, 2024 meeting were accepted and approved as amended to include audience.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: October financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made to accept the report by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **Budget Committee-**
- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 7-10 to be reviewed in January.
- **Village of Elwood Committee –**

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Grand Opening Recap** – lots of positive feedback was received on the opening of the Elwood Branch.
- **2025 Strategic Plan** – Will include sustainability goals and will be discussed in January.
- **2025 Closed Dates** – A motion was made to approve the closed dates for 2025 with an update to the March parade date of 3/8/25. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Board Comments: Patti mentioned the laying of the wreaths event at the Lincoln Cemetery and the Jackson Township toy drive.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:12PM Motion made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Blatti.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager