

**ILSLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 23, 2021
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM**

MINUTES

Present

Board members: Joe McVeigh, President; Amy Mincher, Secretary; Meg Baker; Catherine Nichols.
Andy Hooper, Treasurer.
Library Staff: Dana Hart, Director
Facilitator: John Barstow

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Joe McVeigh called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. See Board Packet for agenda and accompanying documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTIONS, GOALS & EXPECTATIONS, ICEBREAKER

President Joe McVeigh introduced facilitator John Barstow. John reviewed the agenda, suggested ground rules for the meeting, and expectations for the meeting. Members of the board introduced themselves and shared something of their initial motivation for becoming involved in library board work along with some personal background.

HEADLINE EXERCISE

Board members imagined newspaper headlines describing events at the library in ten years time.

INITIAL BRAINSTORMING

Board members responded to a prompt asking about the purpose and function of public libraries.

LESSONS LEARNED

Board members discussed successes from past efforts and from the COVID pandemic, considering ways to improve. John shared images of libraries to illustrate some current trends.

The meeting recessed for a lunch break at 12:08 p.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

SURFACING PRIORITIES

Board members worked towards defining key elements of a new renovation/expansion effort and shared possible ideas for a vision statement, while contemplating challenges and realities of moving forward. Possible configurations of teams for work on design, communications, and fundraising were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Joe McVeigh adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled to take place on June 14, at 6:30 p.m. via electronic meeting. The board will continue its discussion of the renovation/expansion project at it's next special meeting, scheduled to take place on June 21 at 6:30 p.m. via electronic meeting.