

Fort Atkinson Library Board Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 18 2024

- I. The Fort Atkinson Public Library Board met on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, at the Fort Atkinson Public Library . Brittany Schmitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Lindsay Vsetecka seconded. Present was Librarian Laura Thomas, Joan Busta, Becky Smith, Brittany Schmitt & Lindsay Vsetecka. Absent: Nicole Schroeder & Kirsten Huinker.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda & minutes was made by Joan Busta and seconded by Brittany Schmitt. Motion carried.
- III. Bills and financial reports were presented and signed. Brittany Schmitt made a motion to approve the bills and August's reports as presented. Joan Busta seconded the motion, motion carried.
- IV. Director's Report: Librarian Laura Thomas shared Book Club and Footfall are consistent in numbers. An author, Barbara Ortwein, from Prauge will be doing a book talk on Thursday, October 3rd @ 5:30 in the Fort Atkinson Community Center. The state of Iowa will no longer be providing an email service for the library as of May, 2025 so discussion on other email services that maybe the city uses. Laura was again invited to attend "Trunk or Treat" at the Winneshiek Co. Conservation at Lake Meyer! Brownstone will be donating 100 free childrens books in January 2025. This is a non profit organization from New York City which selects a state, and gives libraries in that state the gift. We were given this gift by the State Library.
- V. Old Business: Supper with Santa steps in our packet were discussed. Laura has already received our gambling license and updated the letter bar and due dates to our baskets.

- VI. New Business: Book Club has asked about doing another T-Shirt sale. Discussion was had to think of ideas, possibly a November order as winter clothing compared to previous year summer clothing. Hoopla discussion was tabled to get more information from Postville Library on monies/numbers used in their policy as other area libraries do not provide this option and we've had an increase. Each library member received a director's review packet to fill out/answer questions to return at the next meeting.
- VII. Next meeting will occur Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fort Atkinson Public Library meeting room. Brittany Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, Becky Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Lindsay Vsetecka, Secretary