

**Metropolis Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meetings: every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm, Metropolis Public Library, lower level meeting room.

**OPEN MEETING AGENDA** (check one): Regular  (if one applies: Rescheduled  Reconvened   
Special  Emergency  (See Open Meetings Act Sec. 2.02 (a))

**MEETING CALLED TO  
ORDER & ADJOURNED**

**5:33 pm to 7:40pm pm on, January 16, 2024**

**AT:** (Times & Date)

**BY:** (Board Member Name)

**Rhonda James, President**

**RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED BY:**  
(Board Member Name)

Stephanie Johnson, Interim Secretary

**Note:** There were many community members present, as well as members of the Ministerial Alliance. President Rhonda James offered to move public comment up, but several members wanted to speak after New Business.

**Also present:** Rosemary Baxter, Lib. Dir. & Brenda Hill, Circ. Mgr.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Daugherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Herring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Loverin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met:

We have a motion: Date: January 16, 2023

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Herring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Daugherty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> abstain
Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Loverin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

made by Loverin  
and 2nd by Herring  
  
To approve minutes from November 2023 meeting with corrections (meeting was led by Sullivan, James was absent)

Motion carried:

**Note:** David Daugherty was approached by community members regarding lack of Halloween books/décor in library, Rosemary Baxter said there were plenty of other things going on in the community that covered this. The conversation then moved to the Nativity on the library lawn. Rosemary stated she spoke to Mayor Canada about putting up the display and he said there was no issue. There were some comments from the public in favor of the nativity and Rosemary said there was a survey received from one community member stating it was inappropriate. She stated it's been up the last three years and would remain as long as she was the director. **Minutes Pg 1 of 3**

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James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

made by Johnson  
and 2nd by Loverin  
to approve Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried:

Note:

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James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

made by Johnson  
and 2nd by Herring  
to approve Director's Report.

Motion carried:

Note

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made by Loverin  
  
and 2nd by Johnson  
  
to approve and adopt the existing language text of the Library Bill of Rights.

Motion carried:

**Note:** There were approximately 90 minutes of public comment regarding the Library Bill of Rights. Jim Duncan read a statement on behalf of the pastors. The main concern of those present seemed to be drag story hour in the Metropolis Library. Rhonda James explained this type of programming had never been proposed by the board or brought to the board's attention in the 11 years she has served and that the Library Bill of Rights was to prevent censorship and banning of books. Kelly Sullivan explained non-censorship in libraries. Several community members present opposing the Library Bill of Rights stated they were not in favor of censorship.

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made by Loverin  
  
and 2nd by Herring  
  
to Adjourn at 7:40pm.

Motion carried:

**Note:**