## Whiting Public Library Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2025

#### **Board Members Present:**

Walter Wachel, President Ashley Sudar, Vice President Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary Daniel Catlin, Board Member Scot Kokandy, Board Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Amy Holmes, Treasurer Estela Waszak, Board Member

#### **Guests:**

#### Others:

Montserrat Inglada, Director Laura Lopez, Recording Secretary

#### **Public:**

A notice of the Regular Board Meeting was faxed to the <u>Times</u> on April 1, 2025. The notice was also posted at the Oliver Street and Ohio Avenue entrances on April 3, 2025.

Mr. Wachel, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

# <u>Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 11, 2025</u>

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy ACTION: Carried Unanimously

### Report from Board President and other Board Members

Vice President Ms. Sudar commended staff for a job well done on inventory.

### **Director's Report**

- √ Upon review, all expenditures were approved for March 16, 2025 April 15, 2025.
- $\sqrt{}$  The ILF feels confident that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library can be sustained for the following year if the remaining funds from last year's budget are rolled over, as proposed. This will bridge the gap until philanthropic funding begins.
- √ Adrienne DeLuna has submitted a formal request for a salary increase, citing her nearing completion of a Master's Degree in Library Science.
- √ There are no new updates on pending House bills at this time. Contingency planning is underway including evaluating potential budget cuts and identifying necessary adjustments to meet state standards if reductions occur.

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√ Indiana Humanities has been defunded.

 $\sqrt{}$  The recent inventory has been completed. The next one is scheduled for 2027.

### Personnel

**Tabled** 

### Library Closure, Pierogi Fest

Mr. Kokandy moved:

THAT the library be closed on Friday July 25, 2025 and Saturday, July 26, 2025 during

Pierogi Fest.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously** 

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy

ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Walter Wachel, President

Ashley Sudar, Vice-President

Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary

Amy Holmes, Treasurer

Daniel Catlin, Board Member

Scot Kokandy, Board Member

Estela Waszak, Board Member

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary