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# Vernon Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, 7.10.2024

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## Attendees/Absentees

Lori Klopfer, *President*  
Kaylee Sierson, *Vice President*  
Rich Lagoy, *Trustee*  
Amanda Moyer, *Director*

*Kaylee Sierson acted on behalf of the Secretary.*

## PUBLIC

*The following members of the public community were present:*

*Melanie Catello*  
*Andy Catello*  
*Erin Russell*

## Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Lori Klopfer at 6:05 p.m.

## Previous Meeting Minutes

Lori Klopfer noted that there were some spelling errors in the June regular monthly board meeting minutes, as well as a difference of the \$10,000 agreed upon to be transferred from the investment which was actually \$5,000 that was agreed upon. These changes had been made prior to the meeting and a motion to accept the minutes was made first by Rich Lagoy and 2nd by Kayle Sierson

A request to amend the Special Meeting Minutes from the June 26 meeting was made by Lori Klopfer. A motion to leave the special meeting minutes unapproved with the difference of opinion on the topic was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.

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## Reports

1. The Treasurer's report was given.

Lori Klopfer noted that the accountant had donated her services to the Vernon Public Library. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made 1st by Kaylee Sierson and 2nd by Lori Klopfer.

2. The Director's report was given.

A motion to approve the director's report was made 1st by Kaylee Sierson and 2nd by Lori Klopfer

Lori Klopfer suggested that the board vote on possibly holding off on our incoming donations, as Amanda Moyer is the only employee and there have been so many donations recently that we do not have any room for more. A motion to temporarily hold off on accepting donations was made 1st by Rich Lagoy and 2nd by Kaylee Sierson.

3. The Fundraising Committee Report was given.

Rich Lagoy and Kaylee Sierson voiced their concerns on the second point written in the report. A motion to leave the fundraising report unapproved was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Kaylee Sierson.

## New Business

1. The resignation of Lori Klopfer from the Vernon Public Library board of trustees was given both verbally and on paper documentation. This resignation was made effective July 11, 2024.
2. A motion to accept Kathleen Fabrizi as a new board member was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.
3. The request to accept Emily Schieferstine as a board member was declined by Lori Klopfer due to nepotism issues within the board in past years.
4. A motion to accept Erin Russle as a new board member was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.
5. A motion to appoint Kaylee Sierson as the President of the board of trustees was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.

6. A motion to table the 414 vote until a special meeting could be called was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.

## Unfinished Business

1. A motion to table the following items: dissolution of fundraising committee, public comment policy, creation of committees, bylaws revision, and fundraising options was made 1st by Kaylee Sierson and 2nd by Lori Klopfer.
2. A motion to close the investment account and transfer all remaining funds into the bank account was made 1st by Kaylee Sierson and 2nd by Lori Klopfer.

## Public Comment

1. Andy Catello wanted to address Kaylee Sierson on a personal matter to stop what she is doing. Kaylee Sierson stated that she was unaware of what he was speaking about. Andy Catello brought up that he had recorded the last board meeting and that Kaylee Sierson had brought concerns of the sale of the library building going to benefit a member of the board of trustees. The public members may have reason to believe that it was directed at the Catellos. Kaylee Sierson noted that any board member could benefit from purchasing the building, including herself. The public noted that it could benefit Kaylee Sierson and the VVS Chamber of Commerce. Kaylee Sierson noted that the Chamber of Commerce had nothing to do with the building benefiting her. Kaylee also noted that the building was a part of local history and that she was glad it could remain open at this time to serve the community.
2. Melanie Catello spoke that she was to the understanding that early on in her term on the Vernon Public Library board of trustees that the board was in agreement that we were going to close the library after the failed 259 vote. Melanie also noted that she felt that no matter what she said or voiced it was dismissed.

Lori Klopfer called an end to the public comment at 6:58 p.m. and brought to the board's attention that a matter had been overlooked for new business, changes to the hours of operation.

A motion to adjust the library's hours of operation based on the director's availability was made 1st by Rich Lagoy and 2nd by Kaylee Sierson



## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. was made 1st by Lori Klopfer and 2nd by Rich Lagoy.