The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District was called to order by Board president, Barbara Brust at 7:42 p.m. Present were Trustees, Lori Dreher, Judith Pokorny, and Linda Wallace. Also in attendance were Scott Grotto, Director of Adult Services, Dawn Cummins, Director of Youth and Children’s Services, Ron Anderson, president of Friends of the Ella Johnson Memorial Library, and Library Director, Emily Klonicki. Trustees Patricia Dumoulin and Kathryn Tamms were absent.

Changes or corrections to the Agenda: There were no changes.

Questions/Comments from the Public or Media: Ron Anderson, President of Ella’s Friends provided an update of the Club’s activities and financial contributions to the library. In addition, he identified four major fund raising events: the Fall Mum Sale; the November Art Sale; the February Chocolate Sale; and the annual April Book Sale.

Approval of the meeting minutes of July 27, 2015: Motion Wallace, sec. Dreher to approve as corrected the meeting minutes of July 27, 2015. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion Wallace, sec. Pokorny to approve the August bills in the amount of $23,040.53. Brust - Y; Wallace - Y; Dreher - Y; Pokorny - Y; Tamms - absent; Doumolin - absent. Motion passed.

President’s Report: President Brust informed the group that she had attended an Open Meetings Act Workshop on August 8, 2015, at the Hinckley Public Library. The workshop was conducted by Julie A. Tappendorf of the law firm, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni, and Krafthefer. President Brust provided each trustee with an informational booklet compiled by Ms. Tappendorf to answer frequently asked questions and definitions associated with the Open Meetings Act.

Director’s Report: Library Director, Emily Klonicki began her remarks by thanking Dumoulin Farms for their generous gift to the library of $1000.00. Then she updated the Board on a variety of items including a FOIA request, the status of the Fiber Optics Installation, Hoopla Streaming, personnel changes, and presentation of a plaque to Faithway Baptist Church in recognition of their support of the Ella Johnson Memorial Library. Director Klonicki informed the Board that library staff members are still completing a reorganization of work space and that she would be attending the final Synergy Conference in Utica early in September.

a) Manager’s report: Scott Grotto - Adult Services. Scott informed the Board of his recent activities including the awarding of the grand prize for the Adult Summer Reading Program; his conversations with Sprint and Rails concerning possible mobile wifi hotspot service; the upcoming October delegates meeting where a decision will be made about continuing eRead Illinois; and his ongoing tech tutoring sessions at Carillon in Pingree Grove.

b) Manager’s report: Dawn Cummins - Youth Services. Dawn shared with the Board data from the Summer Reading Program and from the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. She distributed samples of two new activity flyers: one highlights children’s and family events during the fall season while the other showcases teen programs and the new Teen Lounge “coming soon.” Dawn also displayed the district boundary map created to help parents and students determine which library district they belong to. A detailed report of the “Unconference” Dawn attended was also
Unfinished Business: Motion Pokorny, sec. Dreher to approve the secretary’s audit. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:
a) Motion Dreher, sec. Wallace to adopt Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2015-08-01. Wallace - Y; Dreher - Y; Pokorny - Y; Brust - Y; Tamms - absent; Dumoulin - absent. Motion passed.

b) Motion Dreher, sec. Wallace to adopt and file Receipts and Disbursements from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Motion Pokorny, sec. Wallace to approve and release to the public the Executive Session Meetings minutes from June 23, 2014. Dreher - Y; Wallace - Y; Brust - Y; Pokorny - Y; Tamms - absent; Dumoulin - absent. Motion passed.

d) The Board completed its first review of recommended changes in the policies for loan rules for Magazines, DVD’s, Musical Sound Recordings, and Videogames. Director Klonicki indicated that the recommended changes are in keeping with standard practice in other libraries and reflect a more liberal approach to lending allowances. From both the staff’s and patrons’ perspectives, the new rules will lessen the number of separate restrictions which in turn will streamline the borrowing process.

e) Board President Brust asked the Trustees to vote on whether or not to destroy executive session tapes from three meetings: June 24, 2013; July 22, 2013; August 26, 2013. She pointed out that they had all been opened to the public and met the “more than 18 months old” regulation pertaining to destruction of meeting tapes. Motion Dreher, sec Wallace, to destroy these three meeting tapes. A voice vote was taken; motion was passed unanimously.

Open Discussion: Trustee Wallace shared newspaper articles about area libraries eliminating fees and fines.

Meeting Adjournment: Board President Brust adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pokorny
Secretary