

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held a special meeting at the Library on February 18, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Frank Bandre, Scot Erickson, Suzy Friederich, Kay Connolly and Merly Friedland; absent were Wayne Wilhelm and Jordan Rehfeldt. Also present was Library Director Joel Pikora.

The purpose of the meeting was to address a problem that arose a few days ago. It came to the attention of Joel that the thermostat in the meeting room was not bringing the room up to the correct temperature. He then contacted Kohnen Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc. (Kohnen), who has been our HVAC service provider, to look into this issue.

The Kohnen technician looked at the HVAC unit on the roof that services the affected thermostat and found cracks in the heat exchanger that had developed sometime over the heating season. Kohnen strongly recommended replacing the unit with a new unit, adding that the current unit is unsafe to operate and allows gases to enter the air stream. It was noted that the current unit is around 20 years old and is the last of the original units left on the building. It was also noted that the other HVAC units are in good operating condition.

Joel presented a quote from Kohnen to replace the unit, including all parts and labor, for \$14,210.

After full discussion of the above issue, the Board acted as follows:

Upon a motion made by Suzy, seconded by Scot, the Board approved, by unanimous voice vote, the quote of Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$14,210 for the replacement of the HVAC unit referred to above.

There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Merly T. Friedland
Secretary