

Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

Meeting Rooms A & B

Kendallville Public Library

Board Present:

Sam Zollman, President

Anne Tipple, Vice President

Deb Blaine, Treasurer

Jeni Ekovich

Board Absent:

Beth Friskney

Brandi Hicks, Secretary

Kara Huelsenbeck

Others Present:

Katie Mullins

Janice DeLong

Mike Yoder, Yoder & Kraus

David Lang

Dunia Campos, Casa de Oración

Salvador Espinoza, Casa de Oración

Salvador Espinoza Jr

- I. **Call to Order:** Sam Zollman called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

- II. **Casa de Oracion Request:** The library's attorney, Mike Yoder, explained the legal and financial interest of selling property. Mr. Yoder checked with the Noble County Courthouse and the contract between the church and the property owner was not filed. This could lead to issues for the library and the church. He explained giving library property away could cause issues later and suggested that the church should check with neighbors for an easement. Mr. Yoder talked with a few donors and local businesses, they felt that it would not be in the best interest of the library to give away public property. David Lang made the statement he was not at the meeting as a city worker but just to help the church explain the issues. He explained how the gas lines were hooked up when McCray Hospital owned the property and how the line was disconnected. The church representatives explained that they had investigated electric and propane, but neither were cost effective. David discussed the width of easement the city would allow. He asked the board if the neighbors would share half of the easement if the board members would be willing do half. The board stated they could not answer at this time.

- III. **Adjournment:** Deb Blaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Jeni Ekovich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Submitted by Secretary pro-tem Jeni Ekovich.