

**OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY 834 LAKE ST., OAK PARK, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2023, 6:30 pm**

1. Call to order and roll

Fruth called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Fairfax takes roll. Present: Virginia Bloom, Susanne Fairfax, Matthew Fruth, Maya Ganguly, Theodore Foss, Kristina Rogers.

Absent: Madhurima Chakraborty

Also attending: Joslyn Bowling Dixon, Executive Director, Stephen Jackson, Director of Equity and Anti-Racism, Leigh Tarullo, Director of Collections, Jodi Kolo, Director of Communications, Robert Simmons, Director of Social Services and Public Safety

Public commenter Rory O'Neill

2. Review and Approval of June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Fairfax motioned for approval. Ganguly seconded. Bloom abstained. Motion approved.

3. Public Comments

Rory O'Neill asked trustees to end the library's business relationship with Alpha.

4. Trustee Comments and Calendar

Fruth said the trustees' presence at the July 15 Farmers Market went well, and that he heard positive comments about the library and questions from new residents about how to get new library cards.

5. 2022 Sikich Audit Presentation

Jim Savio talked through the audit and answered individual trustee questions.

6. Executive Director Report

Bowling Dixon shared a recap of her first six months as executive director at the library.

Bloom asked if there is a formal rubric for deciding who gains opportunities to staff learning.

Fairfax asked to hear more about staff who attended the annual ALA conference.

7. Staff Reports

Blooms asks how staff changes affect anti-racism work.

Dixon said the changes support existing public programming and add capacity for a wider internal, institutional focus outlined in the anti-racism strategic plan.

Foss asked how the Harwood methodology is applied to anti-racism work.

Dixon said Harwood engagement practices are used and in practice.

Rogers asked for more details on the deputy direction position.

Dixon and Fruth both replied with history and details.

8. Financial Report Summary

Foss motioned to approve. Bloom seconded. Vote: all yes.

9. Additional Reports

a. Intergovernmental Committee (IGov): Did not meet.

b. Council of Governments (CoG): Did not meet.

c. PlanIt Green

Foss said he is thrilled that the group's participation in a 4C (Cross Community Climate Collaboration) June conference shares ideas across communities.

d. Friends of the Oak Park Public Library

Mid-July's annual book fair was a success with a 40% increase in sales from 2022.

10. Unfinished Business

No minutes to approve.

11. New Business

a. Resolution: IGA-Parking

Rogers motioned to approve. Foss seconded. Vote: all yes.

b. Policies

i. **Freedom to Read.** Rogers motioned to readopt. Ganguly seconded (8:53 pm) Votes: all yes.

ii. **Freedom to View.** Tabled until August.

iii. **Library Bill of Rights.** Foss motioned to readopt. Bloom seconded. Votes: all yes.

c. Closed Session: Personnel Discussion

Bloom motioned to go into closed session. Rogers seconded. Votes: all yes.

8:55 pm: Video paused to go into closed session.

9:57 pm: Closed session ended, regular meeting resumed.

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 9:58 pm.