

# Minutes for August 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

## **1. Call to Order and Roll**

President Fruth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Secretary Susanne Fairfax takes roll.

**Present:** Madhurima Chakraborty, Susanne Fairfax, Matthew Fruth, Maya Ganguly, Theodore Foss, Kristina Rogers.

**Absent:** Virginia Bloom

**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, Marcin Terlik, Director of Technology, Billy Treece, Director of Finance and Human Resources, Matt Bartodziej, Director of Facilities

**Public commenters:** Rory O'Neill and Paul Rubio

## **2. Review and Approval of July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Foss motioned for approval. Susanne Fairfax second. Motion approved.

## **3. Public Comments**

**Paul Rubio** voiced concerns about balance in the library collection.

**Rory O'Neill** requested termination of the library's contract with Alpha Building Maintenance Services.

## **4. Trustee Comments and Calendar**

Fruth spoke on the library's closing August 21 due to a bomb threat, thanking staff members for all their efforts and stating safety of staff is a top priority.

## **5. Executive Director Report**

Bowling Dixon's report shared a recap of her first six months as executive director. Shared feedback from attending RAILS' Director's University. Shared the listening session highlights.

## **6. Staff Reports**

### **a. Strategic Priorities Report**

Six-month review presented by Mallory Edgar, Data Consultant.

**b. Library Core Use Statistics**

**c. Additions and Terminations Report**

**d. Staff Changes Report**

**7. Financial Reports**

**a. July 2023 Financial Reports**

The board reviewed the financial statements dated July 31, 2023.

**b. July 2023 Resolutions on Disbursements**

Fairfax motioned to approve. Ganguly seconded the motion. Approved by all trustees.

**8. Additional Reports**

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

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

**c. PlanIt Green:** Foss met with PlanIt Green last week.

**d. Friends of the Oak Park Public Library:** Did not meet.

**9. Unfinished Business**

No minutes to approve.

**10. New Business**

**a. 2024 Library Budget Draft** The board reviewed the 2024 library budget draft. Discussed increases due to fixed costs including the cost of living, insurance, retirement, utilities.

**b. Policies**

**1. Freedom to View.** Foss motioned to approve. Ganguly seconded. Approved by all trustees.

**2. Freedom of Information Act (Revised).** It was resolved to review and amend the changes to the Freedom of Information Act for September.

**11. Adjournment**

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.