

Minutes for September, 26 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, Matthew Fruth, Susanne Fairfax, Theodore Foss, Virginia Bloom.

Kristina Rogers and Maya Ganguly to participate remotely through Zoom. Bloom motioned. Fairfax second. Motion approved.

Also attending: Joslyn Bowling Dixon, Executive Director, Lori Pulliam, Deputy Director, Jodi Kolo, Director of Communications, Matt Bartodziej, Director of Facilities, Leigh Tarullo, Director of Collections, Robert Simmons, Director of Social Services and Public Safety, Stephen Jackson, Director of Equity and Anti-Racism, Billy Treece, Director of Finance and Human Resources, Camayia Dantzler, Executive Assistant.

Public commenters: None.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

August 20, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Foss motioned to approve. Chakraborty second. Approved by all trustees.

August 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Bloom abstained as she was absent. Fairfax motioned to approve. Foss second. Approved by all trustees.

3. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

4. Trustee Comments and Calendar

Foss stated that he will be attending the ILA conference this year in Springfield IL. The board of trustees approved to move the October meeting from Tuesday, October 24 to Tuesday, October 17.

5. Executive Director Report

Bowling Dixon's report speaks on the continued bomb threats and what she has learned from other libraries in dealing with the crisis. Shared about the counseling sessions provided to staff.

6. Staff Reports

a. Strategic Priorities Report

b. Library Core Use Statistics

c. Additions and Terminations Report

d. Staff Changes Report

7. Financial Reports

a. August 2023 Financial Reports

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

b. August 2023 Resolutions on Disbursements

Chakraborty motioned to approve. Bloom seconded. Motion approved.

8. Additional Reports

a. Intergovernmental Committee (IGOV): Rogers and Fairfax attended and reported on the nomination of president and the possibility of having an event about mental health.

b. Council of Governments (CoG): Pulliam attended and reported on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) surveys and shared results.

c. PlanIt Green: Foss did not attend. Bartodziej attended and reported on the residential solar opportunities and the annual PlanIt Green forum this month.

d. Friends of the Oak Park Public Library: Bowling Dixon and Pulliam attended and reported on the Book Sale results and the Open Books donation.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Draft 2024 Logic Model: The board discussed creating new outcomes for each of the “we” statements to bring to the next board meeting.

b. Freedom of Information Act Policy: Ganguly motioned. Fairfax second. Motion approved.

10. New Business

a. 2024 Library Budget Draft 2: The board reviewed the 2024 Library Budget Draft 2. Discussed the introduction of sales revenue and merchandise expenses.

b. Policies

i. Equity and Anti-Racism: Bloom motioned to approve. Fairfax seconded. Motion approved.

ii. Anti Bullying: It was resolved to review and amend this policy for October.

iii. Credit Card: Ganguly motioned to approve. Chakraborty seconded. Motion approved.

11. Adjournment

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.