



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, February 21, 2024 was held at 7:00pm, at the La Grange Park Public Library, 555 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

1. Vice-President Whitman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: Vice-President Whitman, Secretary Demes-O'Brien, Treasurer Swainson, Trustee Snow, and Trustee Donaldson. Absent, President Gies and Trustee Hightower. Also present were Interim Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s): None
5. Public Comment: None
6. Staff Reports: Oppenheim informed the board that the Grand Reopening team, which includes Janet, Christina, Rose, and Gabe, have been working with staff from Leopardo Companies on a plan for the Grand Reopening. The plan is to have the Grand Reopening on August 3, 2024. There will be many events throughout the day, including a ribbon cutting, library tours, activities for kids, food, and a concert. Oppenheim informed the board that we are planning on getting back into the building sometime in late April to early May. It will take a couple of weeks before we can get settled in the building. Whitman mentioned that the monthly statistics are not far off from those prior to the library's move. The Board stated this is in large part due to the great staff that we have.
7. Trustee reports: None.
8. Snow motioned, seconded by Swainson, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passes with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absents. Snow, Swainson, Donaldson, Demes-O'Brien, and Whitman.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$548,234.27
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37188-37225
 - d. Check from First National Bank of Brookfield 1015
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Discussion of personnel policy revision – Oppenheim reviewed with the board what the management team had suggested to change the personnel policy. We would like HRSource to review the policy.
 - b. Building Project Updates - Oppenheim stated because the Board toured the library they know where we are at regarding the building project. The Board stated many times that the renovation turned out really well; they can't wait to show the library to the public.
10. New Business:
 - a. Bank Transfer –Oppenheim informed the Board that we are moving funds from the Evergreen Bank to the First National Bank of Brookfield to help with the remaining part of the construction costs.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) –None.
12. Executive Session: Executive Session for Personnel Review 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) -Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Snow motioned, second by Demes-O'Brien to move into Executive session at 7:51pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Snow, Demes-O'Brien, Donaldson, Swainson, and Whitman.
13. Snow motioned, second Demes-O'Brien, to reconvene into Regular session at 7:52pm. All in favor.
14. Final Action on Executive session-

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- a. Snow motioned, second Demes-O'Brien to approve closed session minutes.
15. Adjournment-Snow motioned, seconded by Demes-O'Brien, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.