



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, August 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. President Gies called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Gies, Vice-President Whitman, Secretary Demes-O'Brien, Treasurer Swainson, Trustee Snow, and Trustee Donaldson. Absent was Trustee Hightower. Also present were Executive 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 expressed that a wonderful time was had at the Grand Reopening (GRO), and thanked the trustees who attended. Christiana McPhail, Programming Coordinator, Rose Hopkins-LaRocco, Children's Services Director, and Janet Tencza, Marketing Coordinator, did a great job planning the event. We had approximately 1,000 individuals in our parking lot during the evening party. The board expressed a huge thank you for all who contributed to making the day great. Oppenheim announced that we hired a candidate for the Adult Department Head position, Sarah Kovac, most recently at the Glen Ellyn Library. She will start after Labor Day. The library might bring back Liliana Goana to work in the Circulation and Children's Departments.
7. Trustee reports: Trustee Whitman reported that she heard from former director Dixie Conkis, who was thrilled for Gabe in his new position and was glad to hear him on WGN Radio talking about the reopening and library. Trustee Snow mentioned that she enjoyed the Bingo Scavenger Hunt at the GRO. It helped new patrons and visitors learn about many different library offerings, including new rooms and the Library of Things. Trustee Snow also announced that her employer, Dominican University, received a grant of \$400,000 to work with RAILS and CCS to study how language is used by the LGBTQ+ community and how that community might be better served by revised subject headings and other cataloging metadata.
8. Snow motioned, seconded by Whitman to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections. Motion passes with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Snow, Whitman, Donaldson, Swainson, Demes-O'Brien, and Gies.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$192,935.84
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37404-37460
 - d. Check from First National Bank of Brookfield numbered: 1029
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Building Project Update: Oppenheim explained that office furniture will be arriving on August 30. Some of the furniture for the east bay on the first floor is backordered and will arrive at a future date. The outdoor column covers are close to being completed, but will need additional flashing at the bottom and top. Carpenters will be on site to complete signage installation and add more door stops. He mentioned that we will need some new end panels for the nonfiction collection. Finally, a new storage container for the Westchester Food Pantry's collection will be ordered for the library entrance.
10. New Business:



- a. Whitman motioned, seconded by Demes-O'Brien, to approve Illinois Public Library Annual Report for FY24. Motion passed. All in favor.
 - b. Board discussion of upcoming municipal election and board officer roles. There will be 4 trustees up for re-election. Two trustees have decided not to run again. Two others will run again. Barring any new candidates, there will be two open spots on the ballot: one two year and one four year term.
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. Whitman motioned, seconded by Donaldson to move into Executive session at 7:34pm. All in favor, motion passed.
 13. Whitman motioned, seconded by Snow, to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:36pm. All in favor.
 14. Final Action on Executive session-
 - a. Snow motioned, seconded by Whitman to approve the executive session meeting minutes from July 18, 2024. All in favor.
 15. Adjournment-Snow motioned, seconded by Whitman, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.