



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:30 PM, July 16, 2024. President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Catrina Parker	President	Present
Matthew Watchinski	Vice President	Present
Dianne Hollister	Secretary	Present
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Shari Zeck	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Treasurer	Absent
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Absent
Alicia Whitworth	Trustee	Absent

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report

President Parker welcomed the newest Board member, Craig McCormick.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton passed around a model of the Lego Library Kit that will be available for the public to purchase starting August 1, which is the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony. She shared a comment from a young patron "you can check out books, sit in wiggly chairs, and have snacks. I love this library!"

Director Hamilton met with the McLean County Assistant Administrator recently to discuss the county's digital equity projects. There is a digital equity grant coming this fall from the State of

Illinois, and the county is collaborating with the area libraries to apply for the grant. The grant could fund computer classes and related technology, as well as some equipment for the techmobile project.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is in the packet. She stated that the revenue is usually higher at the beginning of the year because of property tax distributions.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 6.A. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2024: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of \$479,570.57

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee Watchinski, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Review and Approve Maintaining Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Watchinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Zeck, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve Destruction of Executive Session recordings prior to January 2023

Trustee Watchinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Zeck, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

Discussion Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Discuss Insurance Renewal for 2025

Director Hamilton explained that the Library participates in a pool for insurance with Libraries in Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA). The Library is looking for direction from the Board to either stay with the pool or investigate other options. Discussion followed about the service level and other participants in the pool. The Board decided to ask a representative from the broker to give a presentation at the August Board meeting.

Comments by Trustees

Several Board members remarked on the "Just One More Chapter" sticker on Director Hamilton's laptop. She mentioned that the stickers would be handed out during the grand opening celebration, and there are items in the store on the website featuring the design, including t-shirts, onesies, and cups.

Trustee Henry mentioned a report she heard regarding the increasing costs of electronic books/audiobooks, and that some states - including Illinois - had proposed legislation to help reign in the costs. Director Hamilton remarked that the Illinois Library Association proposed that legislation in 2023. Currently the legislation is stalled waiting for a case that calls for the initiative to be at a federal level.

Trustee Hollister asked if the Secretary of State would be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony. Director Hamilton stated that she extended the invitation to the Secretary's office and has not yet received a response.

Adjournment

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Watchinski, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 6-0).

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:19 PM.