

Golden Prairie Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
President Ruth Novosad called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Trustees Present: Ary Anderson, Stephen Peterson, Jim Russell, Patti Salch,
Kathy Vroman, Stephanie Walden, Ruth Novosad

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Dunham, Kathy Jeakins
- III. Introductions
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- V. President's Report
President Novosad reported that the City Council approved the tax levy for the library expansion.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
A. November 17, 2021:
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
- VII. Staff Reports
A. Director's Report: Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, presented the Library Director report in Jeanne Hamilton's absence. Kathy shared information about the ILA 2022 Legislative Meet-up which is virtual again this year. It will be held on Friday, January 28 from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Registration is free due to GPPLD's institutional membership, anyone interested should let Amy know. Kathy revisited a question from the last meeting on if there would be an opportunity for local residents to invest in a local bond offering. The City's Finance Director stated that it would depend on the bond that is taken to market, but we will most likely do a public type of offering. On Monday, November 15, the City approved the tax levy that included the first year of bond repayment. This, combined with \$5.6 million grant that Jeanne emailed you about a couple of weeks ago, makes this project a reality. Construction plans are in the final stages and the plan is to release request for bid in January or early February. Discussion was held on the project costs and 501c(3) status of The Bloomington Library Foundation if they are writing a check.

B. Outreach Report: Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, presented the Circulation and Outreach Services report in Colleen Shaw's absence. Kathy shared that the Bookmobile will be off the road for the December break, starting December 20, and will resume scheduled stops on January 3. The Bookmobile staff really enjoyed partnering with the University of Illinois – Extension Office to offer craft projects at a few stops. The plan is to continue a similar partnership in the Spring when the weather gets nicer. There are two new, fully licensed Bookmobile drivers on the team. Colleen does plan to attend the January 19th meeting and will report on the progress of the Jail Services Project.

- C. Financial Report: Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, provided the reports in the Board packet. She informed the Board that there was a Property Tax distribution received on December 1, which is not listed on the November report. This is the final distribution for this year. In May or June 2022, GPPLD will begin receiving the next distributions.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discuss Annexation Project

President Novosad reported that she spoke with Attorney Robert Porter after the Ordinance to Annex Unserved Parcels was approved and Stephanie signed it in November. Ruth delivered the Ordinance to Attorney Porter's office, along with the petitions and the maps of the subdivision. He wrote a cover letter and delivered it, along with all the documents, to the Recorder's Office. Two petitioners have been added to the GPPLD. Ruth followed up and Attorney Porter has not been contacted by the Recorder's Office. Ruth stated that unless we hear anything further, this business is closed. Ruth recommends re-visiting this agenda item again in the future. Discussion was held on a timeline. This item will be tabled for future review annually in September or October.

B. Discuss Per Capita Grant Requirements

The Board reviewed chapters 10 -13 of the Serving our Public Standards. This is the last section for this year's Per Capita Grant application and will be submitted prior to the January 15, 2022, deadline. Kathy shared Jeanne's report that we meet all the standards in these chapters which includes checking off some boxes that we were not able to check off last year. Jeanne and the Managers have completed a review and major update of the Library's policies this year and the Bloomington Public Library Board plans to review those updates in January 2022. A question was presented about increasing the number of hours the Library is open.

IX. New Business

A. Acceptance of FY 21 Annual Financial Report

RUTH NOVOSAD MOVED, STEPHEN PETERSON SECONDED, TO ACCEPT THE FY21 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

YAYS: ARY ANDERSON, JIM RUSSELL, PATTI SALCH, STEPHEN PETERSON,
KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, RUTH NOVOSAD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. Comments from Trustees

Patti Salch requested the addition of an item on the January 2022 agenda to discuss the disbursement of the funds that GPPLD has in reserves. Ruth agreed and asked for the agenda item to be added. The GPPLD will rely on Jeanne to share the best timing for receiving the GPPLD reserves. Discussion was held on increasing the tax collected from the GPPLD. Discussion was held on Jim's meeting with Outreach Library Technical Assistant, Caitlin, on using the US Census information in reaching our patrons in a more intentional way and sharing the value of the library and its services.

XI. Reminder: Next Board Meeting is January 19, 2022

XII. Adjournment

President Novosad adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.