

Golden Prairie Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
5:00pm

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Absent: none
- III. Introductions
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
- V. President's Report
Ary Anderson reported that on June 29, following approval at the June Board Meeting, she had the bank move the funds from the existing CD to a new CD for seven months. Also, she visited her two new neighbors to explain the Library benefits. One lived in Bloomington previously and already had a library card. The other moved from Tennessee, so Ary encouraged her to visit the library and get a card.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
A. June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
The minutes were approved as presented.
- VII. Staff Reports
A. Director's Report: Jeanne shared that the Library has been very busy, with the busiest day in June being Juneteenth. The Library had a Juneteenth program with over 300 people in attendance, and about 1,400 people came through the doors that day. She shared a fun quote that was overheard from a child at the Library, "you can check out book, you can sit in wiggly chairs, you can have snacks. I love this library!"

Jeanne 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 the techmobile project. The Administrator was very excited about the techmobile and its potential impact on Golden Prairie constituents.

Jeanne reminded the Board members that the ribbon cutting ceremony is August 1st, and the grand opening celebration is August 3rd. She passed around a Lego Library Kit that will be available for the public to purchase starting August 1.

- B. Outreach Report: There was no report outside of what was in the packet. Colleen plans to attend the August meeting with the new Bookmobile schedule.
- C. Financial Report: Kathy Jeakins stated that the reports are in the packet. The notice was placed in the paper for the budget hearing on August 21.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Approve Strategic Plan:

RUTH NOVOSAD MOVED, AND STEPHEN PETERSON SECONDED TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS PRESENTED TO BE RE-EVALUATED EVERY 3 YEARS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. New Business

- A. Authorize the Director to Submit Leadership McLean County Leadership Project Application: The Board reviewed the draft of the application developed by Ary and Jeanne. Discussion followed, and revisions were made.

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- B. Appoint Committee for Secretary's Audit of Minutes from Previous Fiscal Year: Patti Salch and Stephanie Walden volunteered to audit the minutes from the previous fiscal year.

X. Comments from Board Trustees

Stephen asked how soon the Normal Public Library would reopen. Jeanne stated that NPL has run into challenges and will be longer than the nine months originally expected. Stephanie commented that she recently realized how fortunate she is to be able to share with her students and other staff members the library services available to them. Patti shared some things she found about techmobiles after the last Board meeting, because she is so excited about it. Jim thanked everyone for the work that went into the Strategic Plan.

XI. Reminder

- A. Board Member Election in April 2025
- B. Next Board Meeting is August 21, 2024

XII. Adjournment

Ary Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.