

Minutes for May 29, 2024 Regular Library Board Meeting

1. Call to order and roll

President Fruth called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and took roll.

Present: Maya Ganguly, Madhurima Chakraborty, Theodore Foss, Matthew Fruth, Susanne Fairfax

Absent: Kristina Rogers, Virginia Bloom

A quorum was present at this meeting.

Also attending: Suzy Wulf, Co-Interim Director, Leigh Tarullo, Co-Interim Director

Public commentators: None

2. Approval of Minutes

a. April 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Foss motioned. Ganguly seconded. Approved by all trustees.

b. May 16, 2024 Board Committee Meeting

Foss motioned. Ganguly seconded. Approved by all trustees.

3. Public Comments

No public comments were made in person for this meeting nor received by email submission.

4. Trustee Comments and Calendar

The board discussed the Day In Our Village event on Sunday, June 2 noting that trustees are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Council of Governments meeting and the next scheduled regular board meeting were discussed.

5. Interim Co-Director Report

Wulf discussed the Request for Proposal submissions providing answers to questions from eight candidates that were received, noting reference checks for two of the candidates.

6. LETAB Presentation

Leading Edge Teen Advisory Board (LETAB) is a teen-led organization that promotes, supports, and creates library initiatives at Oak Park Public Library and throughout the community. The president and former president of Leading Edge Teen Advisory Board (LETAB) discussed the three key goals of the group: amplifying teen voices, serving our community, and creating lasting programs. Discussed is community service and engaging teens to join.

7. Staff Reports

a. Strategic Priorities Report

Highlighted were book bike statistics, solar eclipse event, and the conversational spanish classes.

b. Library Core Use Statistics

c. Additions and Terminations Report

d. Staff Changes Report

8. Financial Reports

a. April 2024 Financial Reports

The board reviewed the financial reports dated April 30, 2024.

b. Resolutions on Disbursements

Motioned by Foss. Seconded by Ganguly. Approved by all trustees.

9. Additional Reports

a. Intergovernmental Committee (IGOV): Fairfax attended, noting improvements to Rehm pool and the new Oak Park Township manager.

b. Council of Governments (CoG): Did not meet.

c. PlanIt Green: Foss attended, discussed a presentation by the sustainability coordinator of Rush hospital and noted how informative and educative it was.

d. Friends of the Oak Park Public Library: Discussed was the treasurer's report, noting that the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library is back to their status as a 501c nonprofit organization.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

a. Township Youth Engagement IGA

Chakraborty motioned. Fairfax seconded. Approved by all trustees.

b. Executive Director Search Firm Recommendations

Discussed were the eight proposals reviewed by the evaluation committee using a rubric. Two proposals stood out of the eight proposals, being Koya Partners and Alma Advisory Group. The next steps were reviewed, including scheduling two closed sessions in June meeting with each of the search firms.

Motion to accept the evaluation committee recommendations and the scheduling of meetings with Koya Partners and Alma Advisory Group.

Motioned by Chakraborty. Seconded by Fruth. Approved by all trustees.

12. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session to discuss employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee.

Motioned by Chakraborty. Seconded by Ganguly. Approved by all trustees. Secretary Fairfax took roll to enter into closed session. Approved by all trustees.

13. Adjournment

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.