

Minutes for June 26, 2024 Regular Library Board Meeting

1. Call to order and roll

President Fruth called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Secretary Fairfax took roll.

Present: Virginia Bloom, Madhurima Chakraborty, Maya Ganguly, Theodore Foss, Matthew Fruth

Trustee Rogers to participate remotely through zoom. Motioned by Ganguly. Seconded by Bloom. Approved by all trustees.

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

Public commentators: None

2. Approval of Minutes

May 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motioned by Ganugly. Seconded by Fairfax. 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

Discussed was the Farmers Market event on Saturday, July 27 where the board of trustees will have a booth to attend, participate, and connect with the community, and the Illinois Library Association annual conference (ILA) to be held in October in Peoria.

5. Interim Co-Director Report

Wulf discussed the keeping of day-to-day operations of the library as interim.

6. Staff Reports

a. Strategic Priorities Report

Highlighted were several events reported from the month of May, including a display of ceramics at Dole branch, May the 4th event, and special collection open hours for the public.

b. Library Core Use Statistics

Discussed was the introduction of a pilot quarterly dashboard to be included in the next regular meeting.

c. Additions and Terminations Report

d. Staff Changes Report

7. Financial Reports

a. May 2024 Financial Reports

The board reviewed the financial reports dated May 31, 2024.

b. Resolutions on Disbursements

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

8. Additional Reports

a. Intergovernmental Committee (IGOV): Did meet, however Fairfax did not attend.

b. Council of Governments (CoG): Fruth attended, discussed a presentation from the village about site development and the challenges that follow.

c. PlanIt Green: Foss discussed a grant received that provided teens to attend a United Nations climate change event.

d. Friends of the Oak Park Public Library: Ganguly did not attend, but discussed from the minutes of the meeting is the financial and status of the Friends of the Oak Park Public Library as a non-profit.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

a. Village of Oak Park Fuel IGA

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

b. Non-Resident Library Cards and Annual Fee

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

c. Executive Director Search Firm

Discussed were interviews conducted with each search firm at the special meetings held previously, that will require to enter into a closed session.

11. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session to discuss the employment in terms of an independent contractor for the library.

Motioned by Foss. Seconded by Bloom.

Secretary Fairfax took roll to enter into the closed session. Approved by all trustees.

Resumed open session at 8:39 pm to discuss the executive director search firm interviews conducted with the two firms: Alma Advisory Group and Koya Partners.

Motion to accept the decision to accept Koya Partners proposal as the search firm for the executive director search. Foss motioned. Ganguly seconded. Approved by all trustees, with the exception of Chakraborty who abstained.

12. Adjournment

Fruth adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.