

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

5:30 p.m.

William C. Wetzel Reading Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Vice President Mohr called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Trustees Present: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth

Trustees Absent: Julian Westerhout

Others Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow
- III. Introduction of Public
David Parker was in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
- V. President's Report
In President Westerhout's absence, Vice President Mohr reported that there was nothing to report.
- VI. Director's Report
Director Hamilton reported that the Lincoln Festival on Route 66 is being held this weekend, and the Library is fairly involved in it. She went on to say that Karen Moen, Local History Librarian, is on the planning committee for this event and is very excited about it. The booklet for the entire event, as well as the card showing specifically what is being held at the Library, were distributed.
Director Hamilton shared that congratulations are in order for Dianne Hollister as she has been elected to the Board of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System, that is located in Northern Illinois. She went on to say that there were a lot of people on the slate, so it is great that she got elected. Dianne shared that she will be in Burr Ridge on July 25 and 26 for the onboarding process. Director Hamilton stated that this is a great opportunity as Dianne can represent the Library.
Director Hamilton shared that "Explore More Illinois" which is a museum pass program offered through RAILS. The program features different museums, mostly in northern Illinois, as well as some other attractions within Illinois. She shared that a number of people have downloaded passes, and one staff person visited the Riverfront Museum in Peoria for a LEGO exhibit and saved about \$60 through this program.
Director Hamilton stated that this Summer, it was discovered that the parking lot has been full, even when no programs were being held. Normally, staff can park in the back row of the

lot until 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, except for big program days, when they are asked to park elsewhere. Since the Library is so busy, alternative parking was sought out for staff, and the new owner of the Clay Dooley building is providing the Library with 15 spots for staff parking for \$600 a month, and this will continue through the end of August. Staff have readily accepted this option, and it has really freed up the lot for library customers.

Director Hamilton shared that Thelma Breen was the Library Director here for about 30 years, and there used to be room in the Library named after her, but at some point, with the renovations, that room or the naming of, went away. She went on to say that a family member of Thelma's contacted her and asked if Thelma Breen could be honored in some way. Director Hamilton worked with the family on the wording for a plaque, (similar to the plaque honoring William Wetzel), and the plaque will be installed on the wall just outside of the Children's Story Room. She went on to say that there will be a small dedication ceremony to Thelma Breen before a Board meeting, and Thelma's granddaughter will make a short speech about Thelma's accomplishments. Director Hamilton shared that Thelma Breen's husband was the founder of Western Avenue Community Center as well as being the Director of the East Bay Camp. She went on to say the Thelma Breen retired about 3 years prior to this building being built, but under her tenure, funds were reserved for this building, and a lot of planning had been accomplished.

Director Hamilton passed around information on two opportunities for the Trustees, one being the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference and the other is a Trustee Workshop, offered by RAILS, which is being held here at the Library.

Director Hamilton stated that the approval for the selection of provider for the Automated Sorter replacement will be on the September agenda. She went on to say that the bid packet will be going out this week, and the packet is available, if anyone would like to take a look at it.

John Argenziano congratulated Director Hamilton on her YWCA Woman of Distinction nomination.

She entertained questions on her report.

VII. Fiscal Report Presentation

Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, reported that budget should be at 16.7% through the end of June. She went on to say that Revenues are at about 50%, and this is due to three Property Tax Distributions being received already. Kathy stated that Expenditures are a little under spent at just 14.4.%. She entertained questions.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2019 Regular BPL Board Meeting

B. Approve Bills List of June 2019

JOHN ARGENZIANO MOVED, CATRINA PARKER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. Action Items

A. Approve Amendments to the Library Patron Conduct Policy

Director Hamilton shared that these changes on the appeal process were suggested by the City Legal Department after their review of the policy last month. She went on to say that there will be three layers to the appeal process, which will be starting with the Director, then the Library Board, then the last would be City Administrative Court. Director Hamilton passed around the form letter and suspension report that is given to someone who has been suspended.

There was some discussion.

VAN MILLER MOVED, MATT WATCHINSKI SECONDED, TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIBRARY PATRON CONDUCT POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. Discussion Items

A. Library Expansion

Director Hamilton shared that City Manager, Tim Gleason did have small group meetings with City Council members and he encouraged them to reach out to either Director Hamilton or President Westerhout with any questions.

There was some discussion.

XI. Comments from Board of Trustees

The Trustees were very complimentary of the Summer Reading programs and prizes, along with staff interactions.

Dianne Hollister was very impressed with the "How To" program, and the Pantagraph article was very complimentary of the Library. She went on to say that it was great working with Katie Gandhi and Abby Berry at the program. Dianne stated that the Steve Vogel event and the William Hazelgrove, "Madam President" program were really great.

XII. Adjournment

DIANNE HOLLISTER MOVED, ALICIA WHITWORTH SECONDED, TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice President Mohr adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.