

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

5:30 p.m.

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

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
President Koos called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Cardona, Alicia Henry, Van Miller, Robert Porter, Mike Raikes, Whitney Roberson, Julian Westerhout, Carol Koos

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alicia Whitworth

OTHERS PRESENT: Rondalea Fish, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Jonathan Malone, Susan Mohr, Caprice Prochnow
- III. Introduction of Public
President Koos asked the guests present to introduce themselves. In attendance, were Jonathan Malone, resident, Susan Mohr, resident and Rondalea Fish, Children's Services Librarian.
- IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
- V. Highlight of Library Services
Presentation of Read to Your Bunny
Rondalea Fish, Children's Services Librarian, shared with the Trustees that the "Read to Your Bunny" reading program is for ages from infant to 35 months, and this year, it is from January 9 – February 26. She distributed the Reading Program Activity Log to the Trustees, and stated that participants are encouraged to visit either the Library or the bookmobile 3 times, engage in 10 playful activities, and read 10 books. Rondalea shared that at the end of the program, each participant receives a small completion prize, and are entered into a prize drawing for a basket of educational toys that is provided by Gingerbread House, and this year they donated an additional prize. Ronadalea ended her presentation with reading the "Read to your Bunny" book aloud, and those present, repeating it back to her in the same manner. She entertained questions.
- VI. Executive Session – Review Minutes of Executive Sessions (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))

JULIAN WESTERHOUT MOVED, ALEX CARDONA SECONDED, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

AYES: Alex Cardona, Alicia Henry, Van Miller, Robert Porter, Mike Raikes, Whitney Roberson, Julian Westerhout, Carol Koos

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alicia Whitworth

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

ROBERT PORTER MOVED, ALEX CARDONA SECONDED, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board resumed regular session at 5:50 p.m.

President Koos reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Recommend Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2016 Regular BPL Board Meeting

B. Recommend Approval of Bills List of December 2016

MIKE RAIKES MOVED, ROBERT PORTER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. President's Report

President Koos shared that she and Director Hamilton attended the City Council meeting to present the Conceptual Site Plans provided by Farnsworth Group. She went on to say, that in general, the response from Council members was positive, but there were a few concerns as well. There was discussion on the presentation, and the fact that more space is needed for this library in order to have growth. The Trustees talked about which direction to go, whether it be adding on to the existing building, build new on this location or another location. Along with this, the Trustees discussed whether to have a Special Board meeting in order to devote considerable time for discussing this. The consensus was to add this agenda item to the next regular Board meeting agenda. There was also some talk of reprising a Joint Task Force with Trustees and Council members to discuss the project.

Director Hamilton stated that she has the building concept drawings to review with the Trustees, and would like to set times for one or two to come in at a time to do this. She distributed a sheet with different times for them to sign up for this.

VIII. Director's Report

Director Hamilton stated that internally, staff has created a Targeted Outreach Committee as a continuation of the Bookmobile Committee work, and expanding it further. She went on to say, that progress has been made, and they have been meeting with groups that serve primarily the west side. Director Hamilton stated that there is no plan to add any bookmobile stops to the current bookmobile schedule, to let the committee have the opportunity to continue to speak to other groups. Along with this, they want to give the stops that were

recently added, a good year to be successful. Director Hamilton shared that a presentation from the committee will be happening in the near future after more progress has been made. There was some discussion on really promoting the Library to add card holders and to boost attendance at the programs.

- IX. Fiscal Report Presented by Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager
Kathy Jeakins reported that expenditures were at 63% and revenues at 98% at the end of December. She entertained questions.

- X. Comments from Board of Trustees
President Koos stated that she will be appointing a Nominating Committee at the next Board meeting, so she asked the Trustees to consider whether they would like to serve as an officer for the Board.
President Koos shared that in April, she will have served on the Bloomington Public Library Board for 20 years, so she plans to retire from the Board at the end of April.

- XI. Adjournment
VAN MILLER MOVED, ALEX CARDONA SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Koos adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.