BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

5:30 p.m.

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order
President Westerhout called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Trustees Present:	John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller (arrived at 5:39 p.m.), Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth (arrived 5:34 p.m.), Julian Westerhout
Trustees Absent:	None
Others Present:	Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow

III. Introduction of Public
No public was present.

IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

V. President's Report
President Westerhout reported that there is continued interest in the library and the library expansion in relationship to the upcoming election in April. He went on to say that there is some hope that there are a few Council members that will help propel the idea of an expansion forward.

VI. Director's Report
Director Hamilton reported that Polaris (new catalog/checkout system) training has begun, and staff is very excited about it. Staff are being trained in layers, with all staff training beginning late February or early March. Director Hamilton shared that the Per Capita Grant application was filed.
Director Hamilton stated that Children's staff reached out to the folks at Bobzbay Bookstore about partnering for a Drag Queen Storytime, and they were not interested in doing so at this time. There was some discussion about the public's reaction, throughout the country, to this sort of story time.

Director Hamilton distributed information on two Trustee Forums that the Illinois Library Association is offering. Each has a different agenda, and one is located in Springfield, the other is in Oak Brook.

Tim Gleason, City Manager, has asked City Departments to submit 2018 accomplishments. She shared a few that she will be including, such as, the resolution for expansion here, Bingo for Books Grant with the Illinois Prairie Foundation, Children's Discovery Museum passes, first full year of working with NPL and Unit 5 to offer student cards, A/V area project, and Summer Reads program.

Director Hamilton apologized to Catrina Parker, for not being recognized for being appointed to the Library Board by the Mayor at the City Council meeting last night.

VII. Fiscal Report Presentation

Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, reported that the budget should be at 67% through the end of December. She entertained questions.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2018 Regular BPL Board Meeting
B. Approve Bills List of December 2018

ALICIA WHITWORTH MOVED, DIANNE HOLLISTER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. Action Items

A. Approve Transfer of Funds from Maintenance & Operating Fund to Capital Reserve Fund

Director Hamilton stated that the Board established a Capital Reserve fund in 2010 and since then has adopted a policy to annually transfer 50% of any unspent funds to the Capital Reserve fund in preparation for necessary repairs, maintenance, or improvements.

JOHN ARGENZIANO MOVED, DIANNE HOLLISTER SECONDED, THAT $227,668.00 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE & OPERATING FUND TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE AS DEFINED ABOVE.

AYES:	John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Julian Westerhout
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. Discussion Items

A. Discussion on Library's Strategic Plan

Director Hamilton shared the revisions proposed by staff to the Library's Strategic Plan. The 3 P's Committee will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m to review the plan and bring their recommendations to the full Board.

B. Discussion on Library Expansion
President Westerhout stated that things are still in a holding pattern. He shared that he is guardedly optimistic for a positive resolution this Spring.

XI. Comments from Board Trustees
Alicia Henry commented on the Pantagraph article regarding the recent Council meeting.
Dianne Hollister asked what the theme for Summer Reading is this year. Director Hamilton stated that the theme is "It's Showtime at Your Library" this year.
Alicia Henry complimented the "Girl's Who Code" program.
Dianne Hollister asked if City Council candidate, Julie Emig, is a proponent for the Library. It was shared that she is a proponent for the Library and was involved in the Multicultural Leadership Program door to door project with the Library.

XII. Adjournment

ALICIA WHITWORTH MOVED, VAN MILLER SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Westerhout adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.