

**DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2019**

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

President Ken Abosch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL.

Present Board Members: Ken Abosch – President, Maureen Wener – Secretary, Seth Schriftman – Treasurer, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler and Kyle Stone.

Village Liaison: Mr. Bill Seiden

Staff: Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director, Kelly DeCorrevont, Business Manager, Meg Anthony, Head of Youth Services, Amy van Goethem, Youth Programming Coordinator, Julia Frederick, Youth Services Librarian.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD & CORRESPONDENCE

Kathryn Hall, Deerfield Resident, thanked the board for letting her speak. She wanted to tell the Board that she appreciates the diverse programming for all ages at DPL. It's good to bring in a lot of different viewpoints and to engage in meaningful dialogue. This will give the opportunity for people to talk about different issues. The library is a safe space, thank you so much.

DZ, Deerfield Resident, echoed the comments made by Ms. Hall. This is so exciting that we are having the Drag Queen Story Hour. The LGBT community exists in Deerfield. Thanks to the Library for putting on this program to validate all of us.

Mr. Kyle Stone arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Abosch introduced Ms. Meg Anthony and the Youth Services Department Staff. The purpose of the Drag Queen Story Hour is to provide patrons a positive role model. We want all patrons to feel welcome at the library and embrace differences. Ms. Anthony stated that in the spring there would be 11 weekly story times to meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Howard Handler was surprised and impressed with the registrations which were mainly all Deerfield residents and families.

Mr. Abosch discussed the cost of the program is \$150. We have been receiving comments that have been mostly favorable and have far exceeded the negative.

Ms. Luisa Ellenbogen stated overall, the program is very diverse and this is an important issue to discuss. The feedback received was that is very progressive. We should have programs for everyone in the community. Ms. Ellenbogen thanked the staff for bringing this program to the Library.

Ms. Maureen Wener stated that the library is supposed to open your eyes. Ms. Wener is very proud of the library staff.

Mr. Seth Schriftman wanted to commend our library for having this opportunity. Mr. Schriftman expressed his appreciation to the staff.

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Mr. Kyle Stone wanted to commend the seriousness of the development of the program. Mr. Stone has confidence and faith in the work the staff has done.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 16, 2019 Regular Session Meeting (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to approve the January 16, 2019 Regular Session Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Stone.

Vote: 7 Yes – Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Seth Schriftman, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler, Kyle Stone.

The motion was approved.

4. TREASURER REPORT

A. January Financials: Balance Sheet, Revenues & Expenses (ACTION)

Mr. Schriftman presented the Financials.

MOTION: Mr. Goldberg made a motion to approve the January Financials, seconded by Mr. Handler.

Vote: 7 Yes – Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Seth Schriftman, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler, Kyle Stone.

The motion was approved.

B. List of Checks and Payments for Approval (ACTION)

Mr. Schriftman presented the outstanding list of checks to be approved for payment, which included:

-Electronic Payments, 4 ACHs, WinTrust	\$ 126.89
-Petty Cash Checks 642-647, Bank Financial	\$ 211.66
-AP Checks 10683-10769, 12 ACHs, WinTrust	<u>\$ 109,079.33</u>
The total amount presented for approval	\$ 109,417.88

MOTION: Ms. Wener made a motion to approve the February list of checks and payments, seconded by Ms. Ellenbogen.

Vote: 7 Yes – Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Seth Schriftman, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler, Kyle Stone.

The motion was approved.

5. VILLAGE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Bill Seiden gave the Village Report.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. IPLAR Highlights – Ms. Falasz-Peterson reported on our IPLAR (Illinois Public Library Annual Report) statistics. We saw an increase in the number of programs we offered and our Wi-Fi use sessions. Ms. Falasz-Peterson be submitting this report to the State Library. We are meeting with Public Works to investigate our water issues in the library building. The snow melted and we are experiencing water damage again. Mr. Abosch asked Ms. Falasz-Peterson to continue

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the process of exploring the Library Journal Star Rating after the conversation at the Board meeting.

B. Trustee in the Lobby: February 23, 2019 – The Board will be at the Library from 10:30-12, Board members will be at the table near the library self-checks to be available for the public to ask questions. Mr. Goldberg is glad we are doing this.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Collaborative Workspace Update

Mr. Abosch discussed this will be included in the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Committee Report

I. Circulation Policy Updates

The Policy Committee met on February 11, 2019 and recommended that the entire board approve the proposed additional language to the Circulation Policy.

MOTION: Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Circulation Policy, seconded by Mr. Handler.

Vote: 7 Yes – Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Seth Schriftman, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler, Kyle Stone.

The motion was approved.

9. OTHER

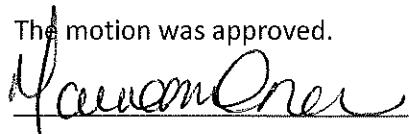
A. Reminder: Director Annual Review Process Begins in March

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schriftman.

Vote: 7 Yes – Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Seth Schriftman, Mike Goldberg, Luisa Ellenbogen, Howard Handler, Kyle Stone.

The motion was approved.



Maureen Wener, Secretary