

**Minutes of the Evergreen Park Public Library
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:00pm, Library Lower Level**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm by Vice President Deborah Pearson. The following trustees were present: Secretary Kate Bradley, Trustee Elizabeth Topa, and Trustee Katie Friend. President Kim Shine, Treasurer Helen Tomczuk and Trustee Laura Sexton were absent with notification. Library Director Frank Murray was also present. Mary Ann Walczak and Kieran Kellan were also in attendance.

Vice President Deborah Pearson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was interrupted by Doyle Landry and another man. Mr. Landry is known to the library and has been told he is not allowed inside the library. The police were called for his threatening manner and history with the library. He and the other man left the building on their own accord.

Katie Friend motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023. Seconded by Elizabeth Topa. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Frank Murray. With his guidance, the Board reviewed the financial statements for January 2023. Elizabeth Topa motioned to approve the Financial Report for January 2023. Seconded by Katie Friend. The motion passed unanimously.

Kate Bradley motioned to approve the list of checks for February 2023 for the payment of bills. Seconded by Katie Friend. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

Thank you for participating at our meetings!

Mary Ann Walczak brought to our attention that the village board prints directly on their agenda their regulations for public speaking. She thinks this is missing from ours. Deborah Pearson was also going to bring this up in new business.

Mary Ann Walczak also brought up the pressure our libraries are up against in regards to the first amendment. She would like us to preempt discussion on certain books. She suggested we read *Unstoppable Us* by Yuval Noah Harari.

Kieran Kellan sat in on the meeting. He remarked that the board handled the interruption by Doyle Landry very well.

Director's Report:

Director Frank Murray went through the highlights from the last month. IPLAR report is almost done! It takes a lot of time but gives us a great snapshot of what we are doing well and where we can improve. Frank is also working on the Disaster Plan. Hopefully this will be done by the next meeting.

The next newsletter is finalized. Lots of family events and a partnership with OSF on Grief counseling have been added as well as Earth Day events and 3D printing classes!

Old Business:

February 22nd is the night the focus groups are getting together to continue the Strategic Plan.

Elizabeth Topa motioned to approve the Capital Repair/Replacement Plan. Seconded by Katie Friend. The motion passed unanimously. Please note the estimated cost and vendor can change for each item in the plan.

Katie Friend motioned to approve the Security Alarm Proposal by Quality Alarm Systems, Inc 5532 W. Cal Sag Road, Alsip, IL 60803, with the stipulation that all service calls are included in the price and a 5th button is added at no additional cost. Seconded by Elizabeth Topa. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

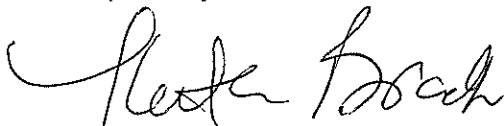
Kate Bradley motioned to approve the Organizational Chart. Seconded by Katie Friend. The motion passed unanimously.

Deborah Pearson asked for the Board public participation information to be added to our posted agenda every month.

The EPPL Board is purchasing a cognitive farm activity cube to be added to the youth services area. It is in memory of President Kim Shine's mother. There will be a plaque in her name on the cube.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth Topa, seconded by Katie Friend. Vice President Deborah Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting of the Evergreen Park Public Library will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kate" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Bradley".

Kate Bradley, Secretary