

**Minutes of the Evergreen Park Public Library
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
7:00pm, Library Lower Level**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kim Shine. The following trustees were present: Secretary Kate Bradley, Trustee Nancy North, and Trustee Kieran Kellam. Vice President Deborah Pearson, Treasurer Helen Tomczuk and Trustee Laura Sexton were absent with notification. Library Director Frank Murray and Teen Librarian Mary Black were also present. Joe Troyer of George Roach and Associates, Mary Ann Walczak, Steve Doran and Yahaira Leira were also in attendance.

President Kim Shine led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Black gave a short overview of the Summer Reading program. So far we have over 350 readers signed up! The theme this year is find your voice. The kickoff party was a huge success- 20 new library cards were processed the day of the event. Special thank you to the Foundation for their support as well as the sponsors.

Joe Troyer of George Roach and Associates presented the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. There were no issues and everything went smoothly.

Nancy North motioned to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of May 10, 2023. Seconded by Kieran Kellam. The motion passed unanimously.

Kieran Kellam motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023. Seconded by Nancy North. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Frank Murray. With his guidance, the Board reviewed the financial statements for May 2023. Kate Bradley motioned to approve the Financial Report for May 2023. Seconded by Kieran Kellam. The motion passed unanimously.

Kieran Kellam motioned to approve the list of checks for June 2023 for the payment of bills with the change of check number 33663 to Comcast not Camp out. Seconded by Kate Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation:

Mary Ann Wolczak had a question on the financial retirements but we do not have anyone retired on our plan. A question was raised as to how long does it take to get a book on the shelf once it is requested? Frank will look into it and get back to Mary Ann. Illinois is the first state to Ban Banning books, IL HB2789. Thank you to Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias!

Steve Doran asked the board about going fine free and/or auto renewals. The board continues to revisit these ideas and will continue to discuss. Steve also asked about our policy on getting a book removed from the shelves. He is supportive of the new bill that was passed. The process is to fill out a material selection form and it goes to review. The library director will provide a decision with input from professional staff. If the complainant is not satisfied, then he or she may appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Yahaira Liera requested any openly gay children's/preteen books to be moved to a different area. Yahaira

thinks the words and images should not be on display for everyone to see. The policy was discussed and Frank will provide the material selection form at the end of the meeting tonight.

Director's Report:

Director Frank Murray went through the highlights from the last month. People are coming back to the library!! On the Saturday of the Summer Reading Kickoff Party we had 650 people in the library, the usual number was closer to 250 on a Saturday. It was suggested a sign be made for the extra parking lot to direct people to the extra spaces. Especially on these busier than usual days.

While the big building projects have been wrapped up, a couple of small ones popped up. The control button for the handicap door on the front of the building is broken. The repair will be taken care of and the second door will be checked out as well. There is a problem with a toilet not flushing all the way. The plumbers have ordered a part and will fix the issue.

Old Business:

A draft of the Strategic Plan was passed out. Frank will bring this to the staff to refine the objectives and get more details on the strategies to make this a success. He reminded the board this is a long term project and a great blueprint to involve more people in our library.

New Business:

Kim Shine and Kate Bradley went to the ATLAS Trustee Day 2023. They enjoyed the day and came back with some ideas. A discussion centered on a roll call vote on any money or policy changes and a voice vote for all other voting. Everyone seemed open to this. Another discussion centered on remote attendance in our bylaws. Frank will ask our lawyer and get back to the board.

Kate Bradley motioned to accept the Evergreen Park Public Library Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022. Seconded by Kieran Kellam. The motion passed unanimously.


Nancy North motioned to approve the Emergency Disaster Plan with corrections and addition of a map. Seconded by Keiran Kellam. The motion passed unanimously.

Kate Bradley motioned to approve the FY2024 ILLINET/OCLC Services Program Renewal Agreement. Seconded by Nancy North. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote on approving the Evergreen Park Public Library Board of Trustee ByLaws was tabled until July. We need to check with the lawyer about remote attendance.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Kate Bradley seconded by Kieran Kellam. President Kim Shine adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm. The next regular meeting of the Evergreen Park Public Library will be Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,


Kate Bradley, Secretary