

**Minutes of the Evergreen Park Public Library
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 9, 2023
7:00pm, Library Lower Level**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Kim Shine. The following trustees were present: Vice President Deborah Pearson, Treasurer Helen Tomczuk, Secretary Kate Bradley, Trustee Nancy North, and Trustee Kieran Kellam. Trustee Laura Sexton was excused. Library Director Frank Murray was also present. Mary Ann Walczak, Becky Reese from the EPPL Foundation Vice President, and Katie Friend were in attendance.

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

Becky Reese gave us a brief report on the EPPL Foundation. They are working hard to support programming this fall. They are sponsoring the Manhattan Film Festival, Dilla Thomas' presentation, and an after-hours event with a Jane Austen improv group. They are planning on bringing the Sip and Sample back Feb. 10th, 2024.

The Foundation is finishing up the IRA/brokerage accounts and selling the house that was so generously left to the Foundation by Virginia Chandler. They also stated any legal work needed on these things would be paid by the Foundation. The Board of Trustees are very grateful for the Foundation. Thank you for all that you do!

Helen Tomczuk motioned to accept the Resignation of Library Board Trustee Laura Sexton. Seconded by Deborah Pearson. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Tomczuk motioned to approve the appointment of Katie Friend to the Evergreen Park Public Library Board of Trustees for the 2023-2025 term. Seconded by Nancy North. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote at 7:19pm. Ayes: President Shine, Trustees Pearson, Tomczuk, Bradley, North, and Kellam. Nays: none.

Kieran Kellam motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2023. Seconded by Helen Tomczuk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Frank Murray. With his guidance, the Board reviewed the financial statements for July 2023.

Deborah Pearson motioned to approve the list of checks for August 2023 for the payment of bills. Seconded by Kieran Kellam. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote at 7:32pm. Ayes: President Shine, Trustees Pearson, Tomczuk, Bradley, North, Kellam, and Friend.

Public Participation:

Mary Ann Walczak asked about the text that the library sends out when a book you ordered comes in. We are now able to change the wording! Frank and Mary Ann will work out what the text will say to word it better.

Director's Report:

Director Frank Murray went through the highlights from the last month. The fall newsletter will soon be mailed. There was a discussion on how to better reach everyone in Evergreen Park with the newsletter. Maybe an email blast instead of print? But, how do you reach everyone? We'll keep this discussion evolving.

September will be Fine Free Forgiveness and launch the video streaming platform Kanopy.

The fall book sale was great!! Mary Kay raised over \$3600 in 6 days! She's the best :)

Old Business:

Helen Tomczuk motioned to approve the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Seconded by Katie Friend. The vote passed unanimously with a roll call vote at 7:54pm. Ayes: President Shine, Trustees, Pearson, Tomczuk, Bradley, North, Kellam, and Friend. Nays: none.

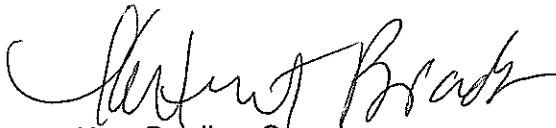
New Business:

Director Murray gave us all a copy of the Nicor bill from July 2023. The delivery charges are \$175.52, none of that part of the bill can change. The actual usage was \$24.25. He is trying to keep the costs down when he can. But there isn't much he can do with this bill. He will talk with other libraries to see what they do.

We discussed *Serving our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries*: Ch. 1, Core Standards: Ch. 2, Governance and Administration: Ch. 3, Personnel. Core 13 in Chapter 1 brought up a discussion on technology needed for the library, an example is a new server. And, we need to develop a new technology plan. A question was raised about AI. Are other libraries using it? Frank said he'd ask other libraries.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Helen Tomczuk, seconded by Deborah Pearson. President Kim Shine adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm. The next regular meeting of the Evergreen Park Public Library will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Bradley, Secretary