

FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Flossmoor Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Natasha Bergeron.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustees Natasha Bergeron, Derrick Hayes, Karen Cheung, Leilani Shute, Lisa Komorowski, and Jessica Barnes. Also present were Director Jamie Paicely, Operations Manager Leann Fischer, and Administrative Assistant Katherine Thompson.

Trustee Shekika Daggett was absent.

Trustee Shekika Daggett arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comment

There were no visitors.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Lisa Komorowski to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Jessica Barnes. All trustees present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills

Board President Natasha Bergeron presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. Revenues and expenditures were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Derrick Hayes and seconded by Karen Cheung to approve the bills for March 2023 in the amount of \$64,653.49 and to ratify the payroll for February 2023 in the amount of \$58,665.94. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Director's Report

Director Jamie Paicely gave the Director's Report for March 2023.

Cook County Statements of Economic Interest were emailed on March 13. Trustees must file by April 30. This is a requirement for all elected officials as well as managers in an organization who are in charge of money. The library is fined if anyone does not comply with submitting a statement by the deadline.

As discussed at the February meeting, the AC chiller is aging and will need to be replaced. The process will be to hire an architect who will prepare the paperwork for the project to go out to bid. The Board will then review the proposals and select the lowest responsible bidder with input from the architect. Ms. Paicely asked the Board if they want to begin the process; they do.

Flossmoor Library is participating in the One Book, One Campus event hosted by Prairie State College. Book discussions will take place on Tuesday, April 11 at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm. There will be an on-line calendar promoting community events that accompany the project. Other local libraries will be participating. The book selected for this event is *The Complete Maus—A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman. It is a graphic novel that recounts the author's father's experiences during the Holocaust. Flossmoor Library has purchased 25

copies of the book. Five will be added to the collection for check out during the event. The remaining twenty copies will be given out to Flossmoor Library cardholders to read and keep.

Ms. Paicely shared information on House Bill 2789. Under this bill, Illinois libraries would only be eligible for state funding grant issued by the Illinois Secretary of State's office if they

- 1) Demonstrate adherence to the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Bill of Rights which indicates reading materials should not be removed or restricted because of partisan or personal disapproval
- OR
- 2) Issue a statement complying with the policies of the State Library or one prohibiting the practice of banning books or resources.

If approved, HB 2789 would go in to effect on January 1, 2024. Since the Flossmoor Library policy adheres to the ALA Bill of Rights, we are already in compliance if HB 2789 is passed. Flossmoor Library's Collection Development Policy reads as follows.

The Flossmoor Public Library Board of Trustee affirms, endorses and adopts the principles articulated in the "Library Bill of Rights," the "Freedom to Read," and the "Freedom to View" statements.

New Business

The proposed operating budget for FY 2023-2024 was reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Jessica Barnes to approve the preliminary Operating Budget for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,840,055.00. The motion was seconded by Lisa Komorowski. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The GASB-54 for FY 2023-2024 was reviewed. Ms. Fischer provided information on GASB 54.

A motion was made by Karen Cheung to approve the GASB 54 for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,145,111. The motion was seconded by Shekika Daggett. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trustee Concerns

Ms. Bergeron reminded the trustees that the Board Treasurer, Mr. Hayes, will be going off the board following the April 2023 meeting. She asked the other trustees to consider filling his role as Treasurer.

Ms. Daggett said that the patron comments received in February regarding collection development and space allocation in the library should be considered for the future.

Ms. Barnes reported to the Board her research about how other Illinois libraries are updating their wash room facilities. Some libraries have installed "Family" or "Unisex" washrooms. A few libraries reported needing additional supervision of the washroom facilities in the youth areas. A wide range of ideas was discussed by the Board. No consensus was reached. The topic will continue to be explored.

Trustee Komoworski inquired about adding Mahjong classes to our programming.

Correspondence, articles, events, meetings news

No correspondence was discussed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Shekika Daggett to adjourn the regular board meeting. Seconded by Karen Cheung. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.