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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the Des Plaines Public Library Board of Trustees was held by electronic remote participation on Thursday, March 18, 2021. President Gregory Sarlo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

Roll call indicated the following board members were present: Mindy Capper, Kristen Graack, Nicholas Harkovich, Denise Hudec, Bruce Lester, Vincent Rangel, Gregory Sarlo, Carol Kidd.

Also present: Jo Bonell, Roberta Johnson, Heather Imhoff, Christine Halblander, Michelle Shimon.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA.

MOTION by Vincent Rangel, seconded by Bruce Lester, to approve the agenda, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Capper, Graack, Harkovich, Lester, Rangel, Sarlo. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

V. OATH OF OFFICE.

Christine Halblander and Michelle Shimon took the Oath of Office for library trustees for the Des Plaines Public Library.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

No public comments or questions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION by Bruce Lester, seconded by Kristen Graack, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Capper, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Rangel, Shimon, Sarlo, NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Approve Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments - \$206,866.80. [Action Item]

MOTION by Kristen Graack, seconded by Vincent Rangel, to approve payment of vendor checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$206,866.80 as listed on the vendor checks report of February 2021 and authorize Library Director Jo Bonell to have transferred the amount required to the library's operating account. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Capper, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Rangel, Shimon, Sarlo. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Discuss and Approve Library Fine Free Proposal. [Action Item]

Library Director Jo Bonell explained the advantages of the Des Plaines Public Library becoming fine free. She also explained that our Consortium has a procedure we would have to follow if we went fine free, which would freeze library cards if materials were more than 14 days overdue, and would send a bill for replacement if the materials were more than 45 days overdue.

The board discussed the pros and cons of the library becoming fine free.

President Gregory Sarlo asked Library Director Jo Bonell to respond to Trustees Harkovich and Lester about issues presented at the board meeting. These issues included length of time for returning material when there were no holds on the materials and possible costs involved in purchasing additional materials because of lengthy patron holds.

MOTION by Bruce Lester, seconded by Vincent Rangel, to approve the Des Plaines Public Library becoming Fine Free, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Capper, Graack, Halblander, Hudec, Lester, Rangel, Shimon, Sarlo. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Harkovich. MOTION CARRIED.

Library Director Jo Bonell stated that becoming fine free would require a change to library policy. The board will be asked to vote on the new policy at their April board meeting, with fine free implementation beginning on May 1, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Library Trustee Mindy Capper announced her resignation from the Board, which becomes effective after the April board meeting. President Gregory Sarlo thanked Trustee Mindy Capper for serving on the board.

X. CORRESPONDENCE.

XI. OTHER.

XII. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Kristen Graack, seconded by Vincent Rangel, to adjourn the regular meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: All. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared Carol Kidd.