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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 17, 2020

### I. CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the Des Plaines Public Library Board of Trustees was held by electronic remote participation on Thursday, August 20, 2020. President Gregory Sarlo called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

### III. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA.

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

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

Resident Earl Wilson expressed his concern about Library Director Bonell's compensation. President Gregory Sarlo responded that the public deserves transparency and honesty and the library provides that information and that this would be the end of these discussions.

V. CONSENT AGENDA.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Approve Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments - \$202,536.92. [Action Item]

MOTION by Kristen Graack, seconded by Vincent Rangel, to approve payment of vendor checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$202,536.92 as listed on the vendor checks report of August 2020 and authorize Library Director Jo Bonell to have transferred the amount required to the library's operating account. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Rangel, Capper, Sarlo. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Report Out Finance Committee Action, September 16, 2020 – Kristen Graack. [Action Item]

Chair Kristen Graack stated that the Finance Committee met on September 16, 2020 via Zoom. Copies of the draft budget were sent to all board members before this meeting for review. Chair Kristen Graack stated that the budget focuses on the Strategic Plan and keeps the tax levy flat. The Finance Committee recommends accepting the draft budget as presented. President Gregory Sarlo thanked the Committee and staff for their hard work.

MOTION by Committee, to approve the 2021 budget, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Graack, Harkovich, Hudec, Lester, Rangel, Capper, Sarlo. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- A. Receipt of Various Grants and Donations.

Stephanie Spetter, Head of Youth Services, reported that Alliant Credit Union Foundation donated \$2,784.00 for the Rocky Raccoon Activities Take and Make. Stephanie also reported that over the last eight years Alliant has donated \$15,801.89.

Joanie Sebastian, Head of Adult Services, reported that Age Options donated \$7,500 for technology to close the visual divide for seniors.

Roberta Johnson, Assistant Director, reported that the Friends of the Library received a donation in honor of Karen Wierer who retired from US Cellular on September 1, 2020. Karen's co-workers donated \$2,000 to the library and US Cellular matched that donation.

Jo Bonell, Library Director, stated that the library received \$ 72,955.00 for the Per Capita Grant.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE.

No correspondence.

IX. OTHER.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared Carol Kidd.