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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 8, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Masks are required regardless of vaccination status

- 1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
- Roll call: The following board members were present: Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K.C. McKenna Schlee, Rachel Berlinski, and Melissa Soliday. Bahira Karim was absent with prior notification. Also present, Library Director Rachel Snyder.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion to establish consent agenda: Motion to establish the Consent Agenda including items a,
 b, c, and d was made by Wendy McCarthy and seconded by Carol Looby.
 - a. Approve minutes of the December 11 Special meeting
 - b. Approve minutes of the December 14 Board meeting
 - c. Approve payment of monthly bills: \$69, 399.77
 - d. Approve Treasurer's Report

Balance January 1st: \$1,231,514.28

Revenues: \$2,881.01

Expenditures: \$84, 469.32

Balance: January 31st: \$1,149,925.97

Yes: Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K.C. McKenna Schlee, Rachel Berlinski, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

5. Motion to approve consent agenda: motion was made by K.C. McKenna Schlee and seconded by Rachel Berlinski.

Yes: Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K.C. McKenna Schlee, Rachel Berlinski, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

6. Public comments: members of the public are invited to speak to the Library Board. Comments are to be limited to three minutes or less per attendee.

No members of the public were present.

7. Communications

The library director received a letter from the State Library welcoming her to Worth Public Library District.

8. Director's Report

- I would recommend the library going fine-free permanently. It is becoming the standard for libraries across the country as it removes a barrier of access for our community to use the library. We did it temporarily during Covid but I would like to make it permanent as it is a great goodwill gesture to our patrons. It would have very little financial impact on our budget to make this change, especially with the automatic renewals. A vote will be added to the March agenda.
- I completed and submitted the Per Capita grant to the State of Illinois on January 28th before the February 15th deadline. Thanks to Carol for getting this started for me so I was able to jump right in and get it completed.
- Both Adult and Kids programming is coming back in a robust way starting in March
 as well as a new eNewsletter to share information with our patrons. We are working
 towards reviving in-person programming but starting with Zoom and Hybrid
 programming.
- We now have both a Facebook and Instagram page (@worthlibrary) that we are using to share info on library happenings and programming.
- I have had the opportunity to meet with the majority of the staff in one-on-one sit downs to get their view of where the library is and where it can go. These conversations have been incredibly fruitful and I thank all the staff for their time and candor. I plan on talking with the remaining staff in the coming weeks.
- I met with staff at the Worth Park District about programs and services that we can collaborate on and I believe it is going to be a very fruitful community partnership.

9. Committee Reports

None at this time.

10. Unfinished business

a. Board vacancy: Paul Kaczor was selected as the replacement for the open seat on the board. He will be sworn in at the March meeting.

Yes: Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K.C. McKenna Schlee, Rachel Berlinski, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

11. New business

- a. Resolution FY2022- 01: Resolution Designating an Authorized Agent to the Illinois
 Municipal Retirement Fund: Read into the record and signed by Vice President Melissa
 Soliday and Secretary Wendy McCarthy.
- b. Executive Session ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) "The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law and ordinance": Not needed
- 12. Set dates for committee meetings

Tabled for the next meeting to include the new board member.

13. Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm by Melissa Soliday and seconded by Rachel Berlinski.

Yes: Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K.C. McKenna Schlee, Rachel Berlinski, and Melissa Soliday No: None

For further information regarding these meeting minutes, please contact: Rachel Snyder, rsnyder@worthlibrary.com.

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