

**WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT
JANUARY 23, 2024
REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
ROMEOVILLE BRANCH**

CALL TO ORDER

President Deanna Amann called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Board members present: Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, June Rokita-Kennedy, and Kelly Schneider.

Absent: Andrew Koroma

Public in attendance: Lewis University student Ian Nguyen.

Staff present: Scott Pointon and Patti Sacco. John Jozwiak was present until 7:15p.m. and Evangeline Stephenson was present until 7:30p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes.

Gayle Crompton moved to approve the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Kelly Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes – Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, June Rokita-Kennedy, and Kelly Schneider. Nays - none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - none.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Gayle Crompton read the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023. Cash on hand as of December 1, 2023 was \$6,099,324.82. Income as of December 31, 2023 was \$90,023.16. Disbursements as of December 31, 2023 were \$2,058,104.23 which includes the bond payment of \$1,670,875.00. There was an adjustment of \$1,328.13 due to voided checks that were lost in the mail. Cash on hand as of December 31, 2023 was \$4,132,571.88.

Gayle Crompton moved the Board approve the December 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented, with the payment of the January 15, 2024 bills of \$116,727.26 and the January 5, 2024 payroll of \$128,358.34 and the January 19, 2024 payroll of \$125,414.06. Kelly Schneider seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes— Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, June Rokita-Kennedy, and Kelly Schneider. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Personal Property Replacement Tax received to date for FY 2023-2024 was \$433,996.53. The Lockport Township estimate for FY 2023-2024 is \$588,187.19.

2022 Levy Real Estate Distributions and Interest received to date was \$6,312,081.76. Percent received to date is 98.61%.

Additional information regarding interest rates – the PMA Investments Report was reviewed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to his written report Scott Pointon discussed the HB2789 Bill passed by Illinois State Legislature last year. The Bill was created to help prevent the banning of books in public libraries. The law which took effect on January 1, 2024, requires the public libraries in Illinois to abide by the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. Scott Pointon will review the Library District's Collection Development Policy to ensure that it follows the ALA Bill of Rights as mandated. Libraries that do not cooperate will lose their state funding.

CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA

The Board agreed to change the order of the agenda and go to New Business item a.

PRESENTATION TO EVANGELINE STEPHENSON

Board member June Rokita-Kennedy announced that the local Girl Scout Council will be presenting Evangeline Stephenson with the Girl Scouts Enthusiast Award for her efforts in making sure the Lockport Branch Library was very accommodating to all Girl Scout Troops in need of a meeting place. June Rokita-Kennedy expressed how thankful the Girl Scouts are for her efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATES

Staff members at the Romeoville Branch found a leaking water pipe in a closet in the Teen Room. The Facilities Manager John Jozwiak was able to put a temporary stop to the leak. Scott Pointon signed a quote for \$6,900 to have the pipe repaired.

ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSAL FOR LOCKPORT BRANCH

To discuss later in meeting.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CIRCULATION STATISTICS AND DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Although Adult Fiction stats continue to go up, the A/V circulation has dropped about 100,000 items from 2019 to present due to advances in technology and streaming options available. Scott Pointon discussed the idea of the Library District adding more streaming services for patrons.

Scott Pointon reviewed with the Board his list titled Potential Capital Projects and Service Expansion Needs. The Board members are to study the list and indicate which 5 items they each feel are the highest priority but still within the financial resources of the Library District.

NEW BUSINESS

REMINDER OF CLOSED SESSION REVIEW IN FEBRUARY

Scott Pointon reminded the Board that there will be a review of the closed session minutes at the February 27, 2024 meeting. Nancy Hackett said she will continue her efforts to retrieve the Closed Session Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property – none needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Kelly Schneider moved that the Board go into Executive session. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:38p.m.

Gayle Crompton moved that the Board come out of Executive Session. Deanna Amann seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gayle Crompton moved that the Board resume Regular Session. Kelly Schneider seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board resumed regular session at 9:05p.m.

MEMBER’S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Deanna Amann suggested that Scott Pointon purchase water sensors/alarms to all closed off areas that have water pipes in them.

SERVING OUR PUBLIC 4.0 – Chapter 5 – Building Infrastructure and Maintenance

The Board reviewed the standards in question and determined the District is in compliance with the guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann Lopez-Caneva moved for adjournment at 9:10p.m. Kelly Schneider seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.