# Mount Prospect Public Library Board of Library Trustees 10 S. Emerson Street | Mount Prospect, IL 60056

# Regular Board Meeting November 19, 2020 Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

Notice of the time of the meeting and agenda having been posted on the library bulletin board and one other public place, forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as required by law, the meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Sylvia Haas, President.

## 2. President Statement Regarding Virtual Meeting

President Haas read aloud the following statement: "This meeting of the Board of Library Trustees is held without a quorum of Trustees physically present and is authorized by Governor pursuant to "COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5" (16 March 2020), and the Government Emergency Administration Act (Public Act 100–0640; eff. 6/12/20). Pursuant to said Public Act, which in part amended the Open Meetings Act, I have determined that an in-person meeting is neither practical nor prudent because of the COVID-19 disaster. As a result, I have further determined that it is not feasible to require the physical presence of a Trustee, the Library Director, or the Library's attorney at the regular meeting location. The minutes of this meeting will include the foregoing statement. Please note that a roll call vote is now required for all motions."

### 3. Roll Call

Present:

Marie Bass, Michael Duebner, Sylvia Fulk, Terri Gens, Brian Gilligan, Sylvia Haas,

Kristine O'Sullivan

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Karen Almeleh, Anne Belden, Jo Broszczak, Su Reynders, Suzanne Yazel

Visitors:

There were approximately 35 visitors and staff on the electronic meeting.

#### 4. Recognition of Volunteers and Staff

a. Proclamation – Recognition of significant employee anniversaries

Sylvia Haas read aloud the proclamation that recognized the following employees who celebrated significant anniversaries in 2020.

Forty Years

Mary Kay Walsdorf

Thirty-five Years

Thomas Garvin Timothy Loga

Thirty Years

Jan Peterson

Twenty-five Years

Peter Balingit Marci Buerger

Twenty Years

Darice Castino
Michele Khan
Paula Zoern-Loga
Donna Wilson

Fifteen Years David Banasiak

Alison Horton

Ten Years

Janine Slayton

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Five Years Jennifer Amling

Angela Baker Christine Budzisz Chelsea Lord Jennifer Massa Catherine Simmons

**Amy Slagter** 

### b. Proclamation - Recognition of library volunteers

Sylvia Haas read aloud the proclamation that recognized the following volunteers who celebrated significant anniversaries in 2020.

Thirty Years

Zoe Mather

**Twenty Years** 

Vasudha Sullins

Fifteen Years

Howard Harris
Jamie James

Five Years

Jean Krueger

Motion was made by Trustee Duebner and seconded by Trustee O'Sullivan to recognize the significant anniversaries of library employees and volunteers. Proclamations of employee and volunteer anniversaries to be made part of the record. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Bass, Duebner, Fulk, Gens, Gilligan, Haas, O'Sullivan. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

# 5. Audience to Visitors

No visitors spoke.

#### 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2020
- b. Approve Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of November 5, 2020

Motion was made by Trustee Gilligan and seconded by Trustee Bass to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Bass, Duebner, Fulk, Gens, Gilligan, Haas, O'Sullivan. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

#### 7. Approve October 2020 Bills and Financial Reports

Motion was made by Trustee Duebner and seconded by Trustee Fulk to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Bass, Duebner, Fulk, Gens, Gilligan, Haas, O'Sullivan. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Director Reynders reported that the library received a \$1,000 grant for PPE from the Illinois Secretary of State. Director of Business Operations advised that the LIRA workers' compensation, property, and liabilities insurance rates came in at a 25% increase. This was less than the anticipated 35% increase that was used in the working budget.

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## 8. Pandemic Response Plan

Director Reynders reported that in response to the surge in COVID cases and "stay-at-home" recommendations from the Governor, Cook County, and Illinois Department of Public Health, the library moved to pick up, delivery, and virtual services effective Tuesday, November 17. On Monday, November 16, the library closed for disinfectant fogging and cleaning. Most, if not all, suburban libraries are following the same protocol. The library will reopen to the public based on local and statewide guidance.

Patron demand for pickup and delivery services has been very healthy, and the response from the community has been mostly positive, thankful that we did not shut down services entirely.

### 9. 2021 Operating Budget Amendments

Director Reynders proposed two budget amendments to consider. The first is to move \$10,000 from the salary line to Human Resources to fund the purchase of three Paycom modules. This automation allows us to change the previously full-time open position to part-time. The second is to consider allocating additional funds to continue to support the reduction in wait times for holds by purchasing additional copies of popular materials. Additionally, the reduced insurance rates will be reflected in the amendments. An amended budget will be presented to the Board at the December 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

### 10. Executive Director Report

Stavroula Harissis, the new South Branch Manager, introduced herself to the Board. Anne Belden, Deputy Director, gave a short presentation on the work that the Collection Management Committee is doing to remove barriers to patron service and increase the use of physical library materials. The committee will eventually recommend new loan periods and checkout limits, which the Board will be asked to consider as it is policy.

Trustees reviewed the library statistics and discussed door count and wireless usage.

#### 11. Trustee Reports

No reports.

#### 12. Calendar Items

- a. Foundation Board Meeting November 23 Sylvia Haas
- b. Library Closed November 26
- c. Personnel Committee Meeting December 3 at 7 p.m.
- d. Regular Board Meeting December 17 at 7 p.m.
- e. Library Closed December 24 and 25
- f. Library Closes at 5 p.m. December 31

## 13. Adjournment

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Terri Gens, Secretary

Approved as submitted 12/17/2020