

PARK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Park Forest Public Library Board of Trustees opened at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Park Forest Public Library Board Members: Sevena Merchant, Alice McBride, Felicia Rangel, and Alan Shnay

Absent: Lance L. Jefferson

Park Forest Public Library Staff: Barbara Osuch, Jennifer Oosterbaan, Katherine Goosby, Mary VanSwol, and Millie Robles

Also present: Beth Brecher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2023, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Library Director Osuch shared a thank you from the Rotary Club for attending their meeting. The Board discussed joining the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club.

Library Director Osuch gave new pens to all of the trustees.

Library Director Osuch announced that State Representative Jackie Haas wants to hold office hours at the library.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No one addressed the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Library Director Osuch gave the trustees copies of the audit. They reviewed the audit.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Merchant stated that she would like to see the area where the construction will take place.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch noted that the statistics have changed. There is now a year-at-a-glance for the statistics to track the numbers through the year.

The movers have relocated the staff offices and removed unwanted items. There will be a construction meeting on Monday to discuss the schedule. The contract is still being reviewed. Some asbestos was discovered. Removal is scheduled for February 23 and should take 4 hours. The construction is tentatively scheduled to start February 20. The completion of the project is estimated to be June 5.

REPORT OF THE OLYMPIA FIELDS PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Library Director Osuch has nothing to note.

BYLAWS OF THE PARK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board discussed the changes to the policy and asked for some clarification on the legal requirements for participating electronically.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Trustee Shnay moved that the Board approve the Budget Amendment as submitted. Trustee McBride seconded.

The Board discussed the budget amendment.

The motion passed by roll call vote: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, 0 abstentions

LIBRARY BUDGET FY 2023-2024 – 1ST READING

The Board discussed the budget.

ORAL HISTORY

Trustee Rangel stated that she was on the ILA website. She saw an oral history project where patrons could come in and record their experiences. President Merchant stated that the Historical Society has done an oral history project. Trustee Rangel stated that it was more the person's history and less the village's history. Trustee McBride stated that she attended a Potpourri lecture where Chuck Sabey gave his history of growing up in Park Forest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.