

OLYMPIA FIELDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Trustees Present: Howard Robinson, Dr. Taneen Brinson, Elizabeth Hadala, Jerry Pierson, and Carolyn Johnson

Absent: Sherry Demian and Dr. Kametta Clark

Also Present: Library Director Barbara Osuch

MINUTES

Trustee Hadala moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

Trustee Pierson seconded.

The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Hadala shared an article from Newsweek concerning Little Free Libraries.

President Robinson shared a letter from Jesus Vargas from the Olympia Fields Park District requesting a letter of support as it pertains to an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant application for the Phase 2 project at Sergeant Means Park.

Trustee Brinson moved to approve a letter of support for the Olympia Fields Park District.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The motion passed.

Trustee Hadala requested that an extra set of name tags for the Trustees be provided that she will keep track of and collect at the end of each meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Johnson moved that the financial reports from June and July 2023 be tabled until the September meeting.

Trustee Pierson seconded.

The motion passed.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Trustee Johnson moved that memorial plaques be added in memory of Joan Braden to both of the

Little Free Libraries in Olympia Fields.
Trustee Pierson seconded.
The motion passed.

OLYMPIA FIELDS OPEN HOUSE/FOCUS GROUP

President Robinson mentioned that he would like to plan some type of Open House Reception or Focus Group for Olympia Fields residents. Trustee Johnson noted how much work and planning the previous one entailed. Library Director Osuch mentioned plans for a library-wide upcoming Fall Festival event that might be a nice opportunity to welcome new Olympia Fields residents. The trustees discussed that this might be a nice way to gauge residents' interest in participating in a future Focus Group.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch reported on the upcoming Fall Fest, updated the Board on the Drive-Up Window, welcomed them on a tour of the Library, and gave them all a copy of *West with Giraffes*, the September Life Ripples Book Club selection.

Library Director Osuch reported that the Fall Fest event will be included in an upcoming Village newsletter and other promotional materials.

Trustee Johnson moved that the Board approve a \$1,000 contribution toward the library's Fall Fest event.

Trustee Pierson seconded.
The motion passed.

President Robinson asked if there might be interest in volunteers reading to the children or possibly school groups visiting the library when field trips resume.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hadala moved to adjourn the meeting.
Trustee Johnson seconded.
The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm