

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting - VIRTUAL
March 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President Wolfe, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Erik Anderson, Irene Hoffman, Ashley Lapin Olian, Rob Olian, Nancy Sawle-Knobloch, Carol Wolfe

Members Absent: Bill Ott

Others Present: Noah Apley, Robby Bringas, Pamela Siegel, Heidi Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Anderson moved and Mr. Olian seconded a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes, February Bill List, and the February 2022 Financial Reports on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Anderson, Hoffman, Lapin Olian, Olian, Sawle-Knobloch, Wolfe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Wolfe's report included the following:

- President Wolfe attended a Legislative Meet-Up through Illinois Library Association and met with state legislators and elected officials who talked about the state of public libraries. They focused on the Digital Equity Act which will expand broadband services to public libraries and an eBook bill which will provide reasonable and equitable pricing for eBooks for libraries.
- President Wolfe thanked Director Smith and the staff for the library tours provided last month.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Smith's report included the following:

- Director Smith recognized Robby Bringas, City Council Student Liaison, who worked with Media Services Manager Juan Reyes to produce a promotional video about the Library. It will be broadcast at the high school tomorrow. President Wolfe requested a copy to share with the trustees.
- Director Smith received an inquiry about the procedures of the suggestions collected each month. She reported that if the comment is anonymous, the recommendation is considered and appropriate next steps are taken. If it's not anonymous, the person is contacted and told their comment is appreciated, that it will be given consideration and/or that a decision has been made. These comments are very much appreciated.
- The Library is partnering with the Highwood Public Library, the Sister Cities Foundation, Working Together, and Family Services to put together a series of activities throughout the library for El día de los niños (Day of the child) on April 30. There will be a companion program on May 7 for El día de la madre (Mother's Day). Both are popular Mexican holidays. Staff is planning to have materials available to make a gift for mothers for the Mother's Day event.

- There has been remarkable success with virtual programming throughout the pandemic and continued success with award winning authors. There is a program tomorrow on the Russian invasion of Ukraine in partnership with some other libraries. The staff is excited to pivot back to in-person programming. Storytime is being treated a little differently. Rather than change the schedule and times patrons have already signed up for virtual storytime, the team decided to keep the storytimes virtual through May.

OTHER COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

None

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Director Smith recognized Beth Keller, Mark Superczynski and Chad Clark for their work on the expansion presentation. She shared a powerpoint slide show with the trustees. It will be added to the Library website to generate interest, update progress, and solicit community involvement. In addition, an extensive FAQ will be posted. A preview of the website will go to the Board in March and is targeted to go live after the City Council meeting on April 11. Discussion followed.

Director Smith will email the presentation to the Board for review and welcomes suggestions.

President Wolfe suggested sharing the expansion presentation with the Friends to get them involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hoffman moved and Ms. Sawle-Knobloch seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. President Wolfe, presiding, adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Ayes: Anderson, Hoffman, Lapin Olian, Olian, Sawle-Knobloch, Wolfe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by: Pamela Siegel

Reviewed by: Heidi Smith