

OLYMPIA FIELDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2021

ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Trustees Present: Howard Robinson, Carolyn Johnson, Sherry Demian, and Jerry Pierson

Absent: Nerissa Germain-Cronister

Also Present: Library Director Barbara Osuch, Desiree Watkins, and Mary VanSwol

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demian moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting as submitted.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Demian presented the financial reports for February, March, and April 2021. Trustee Demian noted a correction to the financial reports to delete an extra line for grants.

Trustee Pierson moved to accept the treasurer's reports as corrected.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The motion passed.

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

President Robinson asked about the status of the vacancy posting. Library Director Osuch stated that she gave a sample posting to Trustee Cronister. Trustee Cronister could not be present. Her family recently experienced a fire.

President Robinson mentioned that former Trustee F. Patrick Kelly passed away. Library Director Osuch stated that the Board could make a donation in memory of the former trustee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board tabled the election of officers until the June meeting. President Robinson suggested holding the June meeting in person with masks and social distancing in place. Trustee Demian stated that she would not be present in person in June. President Robinson will check with Village Hall to see whether they can meet at Village Hall for the June 23 meeting.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch stated that the Park Forest Public Library Board of Trustees swore in two new trustees, Lance Jefferson and Alice McBride. The third trustee sworn in was returning member Janis Elmore. She suggested a care basket for Trustee Cronister. If the Board approves a care basket and amount, she would put the basket together.

The Board discussed an amount to contribute for a care basket. Village Trustee Liaison Desiree Watkins donated \$100. President Robinson also stated he would donate \$100.

Trustee Johnson moved to donate \$100 from the Board for a basket for Trustee Cronister. Trustee Pierson suggested \$300.

Trustee Johnson amended her motion to donate \$300 from the Board for a basket for Trustee Cronister. Trustee Demian seconded. The motion passed.

The Board discussed a memorial for former Trustee F. Patrick Kelly. The Board will research the cost of various options.

VILLAGE LIAISON

Village Trustee Liaison Desiree Watkins asked the Board if they were interested in working on a history book on Olympia Fields. Trustee Johnson stated that she thought the Village should be in charge of a project like that. Trustee Demian stated that there is a genealogical society that might assist with the project. President Robinson suggested taking the idea to the Olympia Fields Village Board first.

BYLAWS

Trustee Demian asked about the bylaws and having a written description of the Parliamentarian. President Robinson stated that he would get a written description.

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT (IPLAR)

Trustee Demian asked about the IPLAR. Staff Member Mary VanSwol distributed a copy of the IPLAR to the Board by email and stated that the main information given to the state in the report is the Board's financial information, the number of patrons, and the contact information for the Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm