

OLYMPIA FIELDS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019

Present: Diane Pierson, F. Patrick Kelly, Sherry Demian, Carolyn Johnson, Howard Robinson, Holly Fingerle, Village President Sterling Burke, Jerry Pierson, Elliot Robinson, Katie Braden, Library Director Barbara Osuch, Brittany Coleman, and Toia Tinsley-Keith

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Howard Robinson for President

Carolyn Johnson for Vice President

Sherry Demian for Treasurer

Trustee Fingerle moved to accept the above slate of officers for May 2019 – May 2020.

Trustee Demian seconded.

The motion passed.

Holly Fingerle expressed her farewell to the Board and thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to serve the community. She and her family will be relocating to the western suburbs.

Diane Pierson expressed her deep gratitude to the trustees for their professionalism and service. She was honored to serve on the Board for 20 years and commended the Boards for transparency, open communication, and conservative budgets. She noted the legacy of the partnership between Olympia Fields and Park Forest dating back to 1984. Among the many memories and accomplishments, she noted the hayrides and jazz fest programs with the Olympia Fields Park District, the installation of two Little Free Libraries, and a new drop box. She commended the Library for the high quality and variety of programs offered and continued new offerings.

F. Patrick Kelly offered his farewell to the Board, noting the work and findings of the focus group and the work ahead in finding projects that the Board can help to finance with surplus funds.

SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEES

Howard Robinson and Toia Tinsley-Keith were sworn in by Olympia Fields Village President Sterling Burke.

Village President Burke requested that President Robinson address the Village Board regarding all the years of service and dedication of the trustees so that they are recognized throughout the village for their service.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:28 pm.

Trustees present: Howard Robinson, Carolyn Johnson, Sherry Demian, and Toia Tinsley-Keith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting as submitted.

Trustee Demian seconded.

The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Johnson reported on a thank you received from the Burke family for the sympathy gift. Trustee Demian reported on a thank you received from Good Shepherds for the memorial donation for Carolyn Gibson.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Demian reported that the Illinois Funds account would need to be updated to include who would be named for financial, maintenance, inquiry, and online access to account information.

Trustee Demian moved that the Treasurer and President be listed as primary and secondary authorities for financial and maintenance of the account, and that all Trustees are listed on the account for inquiry and online access.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The motion passed.

President Robinson and Trustee Demian will coordinate a time to meet at BMO Harris Bank to have President Robinson added as a second signatory on the checking account.

There was no financial report. Trustee Demian will present the April and May financial reports at the June meeting.

CELEBRATORY DINNER

Trustee Johnson moved that Trustee Demian be reimbursed for celebratory dinner expenses for the outgoing trustees.

President Robinson seconded.

The motion passed.

FOCUS GROUP

Trustee Demian noted that she would send the talking points from the September focus group to Trustee Tinsley-Keith.

Trustee Johnson presented Trustee Tinsley-Keith with a new trustee orientation and welcome packet.

NOMINATION OF OFFICER

Trustee Demian nominated Trustee Tinsley-Keith for Secretary.

Trustee Johnson seconded.

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch thanked the trustees for their service and introduced Brittany Coleman, Community Engagement Coordinator, who updated the trustees on recent and upcoming programs and outreach efforts, including the Homeowners Associations in Olympia Fields and Coffee & Conversation with veterans.

President Robinson thanked Brittany Coleman for her efforts and noted that the trustees would like to be included in the neighborhood meetings.

President Robinson will reach out to Sunrise Senior Living for possible partnership opportunities for programs for veterans.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Robinson welcomed all the visitors.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Robinson moved to adjourn.

Trustee Demian seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.