

Franklin Park Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2021

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Grieshamer at 7:30 p.m.

Board members present: Kay Frey, Frank Grieshamer, Jessica Krieter, Joseph Reyes, Michael Vallone, and Teresita Zaretsky

Board member absent: Jeremy Mazur

Staff members present: Marie Saeli, Executive Director; Vanessa Morrison, Assistant Director; and Stan Monkus, Business Manager

Disposition of Minutes

Frey moved and Zaretsky seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 9, 2021, be approved. Motion #1 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 6, Nay - 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Public Comment

Andrea Cesaro of the Friends of the Library was wondering when the Friends could meet at the Library again. The group has not met in over a year.

Thomas Luka expressed his displeasure that the Library building is not open to the public.

Financial Reports and Approval of Expenditures

Vallone read the financial report.

Krieter moved and Reyes seconded that checks #23794 through #23848 disbursed from the US Bank checking account in March, totaling \$656,163.44 (\$54,608.44 for operations and tax transfers totaling \$601,555.00); March payroll liabilities, including payroll taxes, totaling \$74,154.55; the February IMRF payment made in March of \$4,555.81, for a total of \$133,318.80 for operations for the month of March be approved. Motion #2 carried. Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Krieter – Aye, Reyes – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Communications

There were no communications.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Saeli's written report to the Board was included the in the Board packet. Circulation Services, Public Services and Technical Services departmental reports also were included in the Board packet.

Unfinished Business

Annex: Contents and Condition

There was nothing to report.

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Taxing Issue

There was nothing to report.

New Business

Projected Date for Re-Opening

Saeli suggested opening the building to the public on Monday, May 3. She suggested a “soft opening,” one that would not be advertised initially. The purpose of the soft open is that if it does not appear that the Library can open to the public safely due to COVID numbers, the decision to keep the building closed can be made without having to cancel an advertised re-opening date.

Portable Outdoor Sign

Additional outdoor signage was discussed to advertise the services offered by the Library. The consensus was that an additional sign was not necessary at this time.

Fine Free Libraries

The Board directed Saeli to develop a pilot fine free program and present it at the May 11, 2021, regular Board meeting.

Closed/Executive Session

Frey moved and Zaretsky seconded that the Board enter into executive session to discuss selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)]. Motion #3 carried. Frey – Aye, Grieshamer – Aye, Krieter – Aye, Reyes – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Board President Grieshamer noted that all Board members present during the open session and the Executive Director are all still present.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

The Board will need to appoint a new Board member due to a Trustee resignation. Grieshamer directed Saeli to prepare information on recruiting and interviewing prospective Trustees for the May Board meeting. The Board hopes to perhaps fill the vacancy in time for the June meeting.

Adjournment

Frey moved and Krieter seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion #4 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 6, Nay - 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.