

Franklin Park Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2025

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Grieashamer at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Betsy Chaidez, Kay Frey, Frank Grieashamer, Jeremy Mazur, Michael Vallone, Teresita Zaretsky

Board members absent: Tina Hagerstrom

Staff members present: Vanessa Morrison, Executive Director; Marcin Wrobel, Assistant Director, Michelle Mitchell, Administrative Services Manager

Also present: Kelly Zabinski, Accounting Consultant; Hannah Cullerton, Lauterbach & Amen Auditor

Public Comment None.

Disposition of Minutes – Truth in Taxation Hearing

Mazur moved and Zaretsky seconded that the updated minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing from the Board meeting of December 10, 2024, be approved. Motion #1 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Disposition of Minutes

Frey moved and Chaidez seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 14, 2025, be approved. Motion #2 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Financial Reports and Approval of Expenditures

Vallone read the financial reports. Vallone moved and Frey seconded that checks #5384 through #5428 from Wintrust Bank Checking and 13 direct debits were issued in the month of January totaling \$76,252.23. Payroll checks in the amount of \$72,458.73 with \$27,027.24 in taxes and \$1,938.22 in other withholdings were issued in January. In January, IMRF payments were made in the amount of \$4,806.29. The warrant shows a total disbursement for operations of \$182,482.71. Motion #3 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Communications None.

Committee Reports None.

New Business

Audit

Hannah Cullerton, auditor from Lauterbach & Amen, was present to discuss the audit report and answer questions. Mazur moved and Chaidez seconded approving the audit report. Motion #4 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

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Ratification of New Hire: Youth Services

The hiring of Xiomara Rodriguez, part-time Youth Services Assistant Librarian I, stands to be approved. Frey moved and Zaretsky seconded approving the hiring. Motion #5 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky – Aye. Nay – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Legislation

Morrison provided examples to the Board of proposed changes to amend the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, and will keep the Board updated about any changes.

Department Name Changes

Name changes for the following departments were discussed: Circulation Services will be renamed “Patron Services.” Public Services will be renamed “Adult and Teen Services.”

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Morrison’s written report to the Board was included in the Board packet along with Circulation Services, Public Services, Technical Services, and Youth Services department reports.

Unfinished Business

Planning & Grants

Morrison mentioned that she worked with the Leadership team on several grant applications. Other possible grant resources were discussed.

Annex

There was no report.

Taxing Issue

There was no report.

Organ Donor Kiosk

Since this topic was discussed several times, it was decided to table the discussion.

Policy Discussion

There was no report.

Closed/Executive Session

There was no Closed Session.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.