WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MAHLKE MEETING ROOM - 2ND FLOOR December 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Majewski called the regular monthly meeting of the Woodridge Public Library Board to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were present: Staszak, Heneghan, Bloom, Whiteside, James, Thompson, Majewski

Absent:

None

Also present:

Patti Naisbitt, Library Director

Deb Fowler, Administrative Assistant A library patron attended (7:34 p.m.)

MINUTES

MOTION by Trustee Bloom, second by Trustee Staszak to approve the November 15, 2023 minutes of the regular meeting of the Library Board.

AYES:

Bloom, Staszak, Heneghan, Whiteside, James, Thompson, Majewski

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

A library patron attended at 7:34 p.m. after this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Trustee Whiteside, second by Trustee Heneghan to approve Items A, B, C, & D of the Consent Agenda.

- A. Library Payroll for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$136,988.92
- B. Personnel Report for the month of November indicating 2 staffing changes
- C. Bank Register Report 11/1/23-11/30/23, totaling \$141,077.02
- D. Invoice Expense Allocation Report for Invoices paid in November 2023

AYES:

Whiteside, Heneghan, Staszak, Bloom, James, Thompson, Majewski

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH NO ACTION

Library Director's Report

Director Naisbitt reported Dinovember was wonderful. The Children's Department staff had creative ideas for programs for different age groups.

Sexual Harassment training took place in November for staff and the Board.

With upcoming new laws at the beginning of 2024, we decided it was a good time to redo our Employee Handbook. After the updates, it went to HR Source for review. It is anticipated that the revised handbook will be coming to the January Board Meeting for review and approval.

Library patron arrived at the meeting (7:34 p.m.).

Monthly Statistical Reports

Income Statement as of November 30, 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Majewski reported that overall the Library did well in 2023. He expressed his thanks to his fellow trustees, administration and staff. We are all looking forward to a fresh start in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 23-03, Annual Resolution Authorizing Public Library Non-Resident Cards

There was a review and discussion on the different calculating methods to determine the non-resident card fee. WPL uses the general mathematical formula to determine the annual non-resident card fee. The pros and cons of using this formula versus the tax bill method were discussed.

MOTION by Trustee Whiteside, second by Trustee Bloom to approve Resolution 23-03 Annual Resolution Authorizing Public Library Non-Resident Cards.

AYES:

Whiteside, Bloom, James, Thompson, Majewski

NAYS:

Staszak, Heneghan

ABSTAIN

None

Approval of Furniture Purchase for Flexible Space & Creativity Classroom

Director Naisbitt gave a brief description of the creativity area and flex space that will be used for programming. It will be an improvement for people using the area as a talking space too. There was discussion regarding the return of more seating around the library.

MOTION by Trustee Whiteside, second by Trustee Staszak to approve the purchase of furniture up to the cost of \$13,900 to help establish a flexible space used for "Creativity Space on the Plaza," for large-scale programs, or for meeting and study stations.

AYES:

Whiteside, Staszak, Heneghan, Bloom, James, Thompson, Majewski

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

Approval of New Materials and Contingency for Exterior Steel Renovation

Director Naisbitt received a change order for the cost of painting the exterior beams of the Library indicating an additional \$33,000 is needed for a revised scope of work.

MOTION by Trustee Thompson, second by Trustee James to approve additional costs for paint material and application not to exceed \$33,000.

AYES:

Thompson, James, Staszak, Heneghan, Bloom, Whiteside, Majewski

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

Review of FY2024 Per Capita Grant

The FY2024 Per Capita Grant application and FY2022 per capita funds report were presented and a brief summary was provided. A new requirement this year is public libraries certify that they are in compliance with Public Act 103-0100, which ties library funding to an obligation that we establish and follow an anti-censorship policy. We are in compliance since we follow ALA Code of Ethics/ALA Bill of Rights according to Board Bylaws/Circulation Policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Naisbitt reported that the metal cladding phase of the exterior steel renovation will start this winter as early as December 21, 2023.

There was discussion regarding some other building items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Trustee Heneghan, second by Trustee Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

AYES:

Heneghan, Bloom, Staszak, Whiteside, James, Thompson, Majewski

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NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees.

Jane Whiteside, Secretary

Debra Fowler, Recording Secretary