WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION: WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTER

HICKORY ROOM 2600 CENTER DRIVE WOODRIDGE, IL 60517 MARCH 25, 2025, 9 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Majewski called the regular monthly meeting of the Woodridge Public Library Board to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

Staszak

Also present: Patti Naisbitt, Library Director

Laura Dygus, Human Resources Manager Deb Fowler, Administrative Assistant Matt Hennessy, Technology Manager

George Kalinka, Adult/Teen Services Manager Ana Karun, Circulation Services Assistant Manager

Chris Keefe, Adult/Teen Librarian

Julie Lombardo, Circulation Services Manager

Denise Murray, Adult/Teen Librarian

Jennifer Shunt, Children's Library Associate Supervisor

Jessica Smith, Children's Services Manager

Mary Ann Steinhaus, Children's Library Associate

Amy Weiss, Technical Services Manager

Sarah Wilson, Marketing Manager & Assistant Children's Services Manager

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No one from the public attended.

President Majewski turned the meeting over to Director Naisbitt who opened the meeting with an icebreaker exercise. After introductions, she discussed the agenda and reviewed the strategic planning process and roles of the Board and staff. We also touched upon our most recent strategic plan and talked about survey results

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

We started with a S.O.A.R. (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results) analysis to assess our current environment and future aspirations. We broke into small groups for each section of the analysis to discuss and share ideas. We then followed with a group share involving all the attendees. After lunch a vision word cloud activity was completed followed up with a mission brainstorming discussion. The next conversation involved evaluating the library's culture. We discussed how to measure success and what results will we see if our initiatives are implemented. Bits and pieces of the day's discussions were charted to focus on areas we need to address. Top priorities emerged including continuing to offer well-received library services and programs with excellent customer service, importance of Library as a community meeting space and need for well-functioning Library spaces/building refresh, role for Library to play regarding new and emerging technology literacy and access, providing a current collection that meets community expectations, *Library of Things* with scope to be researched, and need to focus on Public's awareness of resources and value.

There being no further business, motion by Trustee James second by Trustee Whiteside to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Date

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees.

/ Jane Whiteside, Secretary

Debra Fowler, Recording Secretary