

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on June 14, 2017. President Jill Collin presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Collin Jim Bielien
 Barb Green Rebecca Quiggle
 Liz Gridley Larry Pittsley

Members Absent: Jim Ferrar

Also present were Director Carole Dickerson, Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle, Adult Services Supervisor Laura Keyes, and Circulation and Outreach Coordinator Geoff Graham.

Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

New board member Rebecca Quiggle exchanged information with the rest of the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Liz Gridley moved and Barb Green seconded to approve the April 12 and May 10, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Liz Gridley moved and Barb Green seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports for April and May. Motion carried.

NON-RESIDENT FEE – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Director Dickerson explained the formula used to determine the non-resident fee. Director Dickerson distributed a Final Tax Comparison Report for Stephenson County. Following discussion the board made a motion to set the non-resident fee to \$86. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried. Director Dickerson will ask Attorney Michael Phillips to review options available to libraries who wish to serve non-residents.

**FREEDOM TO READ AND FREEDOM TO VIEW STATEMENTS AND LIBRARIES:
AN AMERICAN VALUE – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Director Dickerson recommended that the board adopt these documents as part of the library policies. Larry Pittsley made a motion and Barb Green seconded to adopt these. Motion carried.

CODE OF CONDUCT – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Will be discussed at the July 12 board meeting.

SUSPENSION OF SERVICES – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Director Dickerson asked for the current 30-day suspensions of three individuals to be extended to 90 days. Liz Gridley made the motion and Larry Pittsley seconded to extend the suspensions. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Liz Gridley and Jill Collin met.

Finance Committee: Did not meet.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet. Larry Pittsley will be asking Mechanical for a projection of expenses for the coming year.

COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Dickerson told the board that the Gallery Café closed today, June 10. This Is It Eatery has a potential buyer for the inventory and equipment, but it would be up to the board to enter into a lease agreement and conduct an interview with the new owner.

President Jill Collin read Luke Beggin's resignation letter. Also read was an email sent to Laura Keyes from Kurt Deininger. A thank you note to Carole Dickerson from Jan Carlson was read on behalf of Therapy Dogs International.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06 OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2(c)(21) OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CODIFIED AT 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Larry Pittsley moved and Jim Bielen seconded a motion to go into executive session. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary