

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 16, 2015 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on September 16, 2015. President Luke Beggin presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Collin Luke Beggin
 Larry Pittsley Jim Bielien
 Barb Green Teresa Hines

Members Absent: Scott Haugh Jim Ferrar

Also present was Library Supervisors Pat Vorwald and Anna Doyle.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Collin moved and Jim Bielien seconded to approve the revised minutes of the August 12, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Bielien moved and Barb Green seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports. Motion carried. Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman passed out copies of the financial snapshot.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dickerson gave an update on the status of the two openings at the library. Currently there are six applicants for the two positions.

Tomorrow night, September 17, will kick-off this fall's Local History Series. Three lectures will follow with the concluding program on Monday, October 5.

Director Dickerson told the board of a recently added feature to library patrons who do not have a Freeport library card. These patrons will be able to sign up for a computer-use-only card.

The library is now open on Sunday's for the season, although the first Sunday was off to a slow start.

Non-Bargaining COLA – Discussion and Action

Director Dickerson informed the board that the city has given the non-bargaining a 1% raise, but she believes that they may follow with another 1% to match the bargaining employees, which settled their contract with a 2% raise. Director Dickerson would like to hold off until October's meeting to recommend approval of non-bargaining raises.

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STAFF REPORTS

Adult Services and Technical Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald told the board that two new staff members, Luci Critz and Geoff Graham, are doing well. She also told the board she is working on cleaning up things and streamlining for the next person to fill her position. She is working on eliminating the VHS movie collection.

Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle passed out the fall newsletter for her department. August was a little slower, but things went well. She told the board of two new contacts who will be helping with programming in the fall. Brittany DeVries, the new educational coordinator for the Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom, will be taking up where Martha Ebbesmeyer left off and doing monthly agriculture-related programs. Juliet D'Souza, from the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, will be doing three programs for preschoolers about wild animals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Did not meet.

Finance Committee: Did not meet.

Building and Grounds Committee: Met and discussed a proposal for the History Room air conditioner replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Luke Beggin read a note from a patron commending Pat Vorwald.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Director Dickerson mentioned again that the Local History Series is beginning tomorrow night, September 17.

Larry Pittsley moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., and Jill Collin seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary