

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT LEARNING CENTER  
50 EAST WEND STREET, LEMONT, ILLINOIS**

**January 10, 2023**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Kirvelaitis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following Trustees answered present: Thomas Burton, Jr., Patricia Camalliere, Tom Culcasi, Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Renee Pravdik, Catherine Sanders and Michaeline Skibinski. Library Director Heather Shlah and Assistant Director Mary Golden also attended the meeting.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Camalliere and seconded by Trustee Skibinski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2022, A voice vote was taken. All voted aye. The motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

The Library was still receiving its Cook County Spring 2021 property tax disbursement, \$437,000 thus far. The Library made over \$800 on license plate sticker fees and \$2,400 in passport fees to help support programming. There was a motion made by Trustee Culcasi and seconded by Trustee Sanders, to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted:

December 31, 2022

Chase Bank	
Checking Account	\$253,005.94
Savings Account	106.77
Illinois Funds	
Money Market e-pay	7,887.98
Illinois National Bank	
e-Pay	1,000.00
Lemont Bank & Trust	
Money Market	18,714.44
PMA Operating Account	636,498.64

A roll call was taken. Trustees Burton, Camalliere, Culcasi, Kirvelaitis, Pravdik, Sanders and Skibinski voted aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

**V. Approval of Bills**

Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burton, to approve payment of total accounts payable, ACH payments and payroll for the period of December 14, 2022 to January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$118,725.97. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burton, Camalliere, Culcasi, Pravdik, Sanders and Skibinski voted aye. Trustee Kirvelaitis said aye, except for bills related to the Lithuanian Archives Project (LAP), where he abstained. There were no nays. The motion passed.

**VI. Public Participation**

Patron Diane Field commented on the brightness of lights in the Library's atrium area and the absence

of commitment to maintaining a quieter environment. These qualities became much more noticeable after she was diagnosed with sensory overload and acoustic sensitivity. Ms. Field suggested soft indirect lighting. She understood that modern libraries fostered a more dynamic environment, but felt some quiet zones were necessary.

## VII. Reports

### A. President

No report.

### B. Library Director

Director Shlah referred to her written report.

### C. Attorney

No report.

### D. Committees

#### 1. Technology

The committee would be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. New hardware was arriving, including PCs, three of which had been installed—two in the adult area, one in patron services. Electronic security was being tightened with double verification for staff sign-ins and the implementation of Proof Point spam control software.

#### 2. Policy and Personnel

The committee would meet in February.

#### 3. Finance

Ultimately the Library should receive approximately \$800,000 in Cook County Spring 2021 property tax disbursements. The monies would be applied toward repayment of the TAW (Tax Anticipation Warrant), The next disbursement, arriving in February and March, should total \$900,000 to \$1 million dollars. In case of unexpected delays in payment, the Library wait to pay off the remainder of its loan until its March due date. )

#### 4. Planning and Goals

At its meeting just before the regular meeting, the committee decided to rethink the art installations for the Library's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary project.

#### 5. Building and Grounds

The committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup>. to discuss HVAC software, as the communication system was no longer supported. The elevator situation was revisited, and the committee would be requesting quotes on interior painting. The color schemes would remain to match the current furniture. The committee would issue an RFI (request for information) for architectural ideas for the outdoor space.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Book Challenge

A complaint had been received from patron Marcia Taylor, who saw a book, "Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders" by Sarah Prager featured in the Library's children's department. She felt that the material was inappropriate for young children and opens questions that parents/caregivers may be unprepared to explain. Ms. Taylor asked that the book be relocated to the YA (young adult) section.

The trustees examined the volume and found that the book's main theme was leadership. It was elementary and not meant for young adults. The Board determined by consensus that no action would be taken. There was no reason to remove the book from the collection or relocate it to a different area because the district did not believe in censorship. Parents were responsible for monitoring what their children read.

**IX. Old Business****A. Status of Camera System Work**

Assistant Director Golden had solicited and was waiting for updated prices.

**B. Status of Outdoor Patio Project**

The project was mentioned under *VII. Reports D. Committees 5. Building and Grounds.*

**X. Correspondence**

The Library received a thank you note from the staff for the holiday party and generous gift. The Library had gotten various holiday greetings and presents throughout the season.

**XI. Executive Session**

The trustees deferred action on the review of executive session minutes.

**XII. Adjournment**

Trustee Burton made a motion, seconded by Trustee Culcasi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. All voted aye. There were no nays. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Stephens-Zemaitis  
Recording Secretary