

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Crewe at 7:00pm. The following trustees were present to establish a quorum.

Katie Allan: aye
Brecken Cutler: absent
Joyce Hagen-McIntosh: aye
Lisa Katzenberger: aye
Shannon Rischow: aye
Becky Spratford: aye
Elizabeth Crewe: aye

2. Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment

Public: Vickie Renick, Library Board of Trustees candidate (arrived 7:09pm)

Staff: Jennifer Hovanec, Maria Dike, Arcadia McCauley, Peter Van Kempen and Rebecca Bartlett (arrived at 7:18pm)

3. Consent Agenda and Vote

Spratford motioned to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Rischow.

Roll Call Vote
Katie Allan: aye
Brecken Cutler: absent
Joyce Hagen-McIntosh: aye
Lisa Katzenberger: aye
Shannon Rischow: aye
Becky Spratford: aye
Elizabeth Crewe: aye

4. Current Business**A. Presentation of Strategic Plan 2023-2025 [Action Item] - Standerfer & Library Staff**

- Amanda Standerfer and Library staff members presented a draft of the new strategic plan vision, mission and overarching goals. These will fit into the categories of Engage, Connect, Explore and Grow.
- Spratford motioned to approve the strategic plan. Seconded by Allan.

B. Preliminary FY 2023-24 Budget [Informational] - Hovanec

- Executive Director, Jennifer Hovanec, presented the proposed 2023-24 budget; general distribution of funds has remained the same across the four categories (personnel, services, capital outlay and other operating expenses)
- Draft of budget will be available for public viewing/comment until next Board Meeting on April 25

C. Trustee Oath and United for Libraries Trustee Ethics Statement [Informational] – Allan

- The Policies and Services Committee discussed including the United for Libraries Ethics Statement in Trustee Oath; may include an oath to uphold La Grange Village ordinances as well, but this is being reviewed further; will present at April Board Meeting
- A training packet for new trustees is being worked on as well; will be given to new board members and can make it available to potential board candidates in the future

D. Committee Reports

- Finance & Advocacy – Rischow
 - Had a committee meeting prior to tonight’s Board Meeting to review the proposed FY 23-24 budget in more detail; no further updates
- FOL Liaison – Katzenberger
 - No update
- RAILS/ILA Liaison – Spratford
 - ILA Trustee training coming up in April and a mock board meeting in May— encourage new Trustees to attend
 - It seems likely that House Bill 2789, will pass in this session. An initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas, the bill would require that as a condition of qualifying for state funding in the future, libraries or library systems would have to adopt a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books. Alternatively, they could adopt the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights, which includes a statement that “(m)aterials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.”
 - Secretary of State may be providing additional funding for online resources and databases in the future.
- Policies & Services – Allan
 - No report
- Village Liaison – Cutler (absent; Cutler’s written report delivered by Crewe)
 - La Grange Park District Fitness Center is offering 30-day membership with complimentary training session on April 27 to benefit The LeaderShop
 - CommUNITY Diversity Group Mosaic Project at the La Grange Community Center is in progress and the mosaic will be unveiled this fall
 - Judge issued a continuation in the ongoing Hanson Quarry litigation to May; no reason given as to why
 - La Grange taking part in the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge; info to be provided soon; may have Library programming tie in potential
 - Improvements to be made to Cossitt Ave. railroad crossing
 - Make sure to vote on April 4!

5. Executive Director’s Report

- A. SWAN held quarterly budget meeting with what to expect in the coming year
 - i. Addison Public Library joining SWAN consortium
 - ii. Have nice online training offerings
- B. Attended ILA Legislator 101; Got to meet new legislators in our area; representatives were very supportive
- C. Highlight: Attending the Friends of the Library Board Meeting and hearing their plans for the future; they graciously extended funding for the Library's requests which you will see go into action
- D. Jenn accepted to attend Directors University 2.0 this April in Springfield, IL
- E. Grant funded online Lucky Day collection Chuck has been building is being well utilized; holds are down significantly
- F. Statement of Economic Interest; put out by Illinois Municipal League annually for anyone who is manager level and above in a public library, other municipalities and any elected/appointed office. Board members must complete Statement of Economic Interest. Information in Board Packet on how to fill out Statement of Economic interest.

6. Trustee Comments

- A. Rischow: excited to see the strategic plan with new branding and new director come together tonight. It's been a lot of work from the staff and board over the last year—thank you to all.
- B. Spratford: if you are a member: voting for ILA Board is about to open
 - i. RAILS started a new network for social worker librarians

7. Closed Session

- A. No closed session held

8. Adjournment at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Arcadia McCauley, Marketing & Public Relations Manager