

Monday, January 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held their regular Board meeting on Monday, January 18, 2021. Board President Christine Fenne called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present in person at roll call were: Christine Fenne and Al Herbach. Attending via Zoom were: Bob Lyon, Bob McDonough, Joe McHaley, Laurie Metanchuk and Vallari Talapatra. Absent: Simone Morton. Kathryn Staron joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:06. Betsy Adamowski, Library Director, Ed Sirovatka, IT/Facilities Manager, and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Library Finance/Business Office Manager and recording secretary for this meeting, were also in attendance.

II. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

III. Minutes for the December 21, 2020 Board Meeting

IV. Financial Reports for December 2020 and Bill Listing for December 2020(2) and January 2021 Payment

Mr. McHaley moved and Mr. Herbach seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Lyon
Mr. McDonough
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. McHaley
Mr. Herbach
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton
Ms. Staron

Motion Carried

V. Library Director's Board Report for December 2020

Due to the Library not being able to do a ribbon cutting for the new renovations and the need to promote the changes, Mrs. Adamowski will work with the City Communications Department to do a virtual ribbon cutting. Mrs. Adamowski stated how impressed she was with all the work the Trustees did when she compiled the annual trustee report that is sent to the City. She said that due to the Café on the Park dissolving its agreement, the City of Wheaton implemented a short-term agreement to store the Café on the Park equipment until the next vendor is selected. Mrs. Adamowski will reach out to local Wheaton coffee businesses first for a vendor selection. Mrs. Adamowski reminded the members about the WPL Board Planning Meetings which will be over Zoom; the first is with John Keister on January 25th and the second with Library Management staff on February 22nd. Mrs. Adamowski was very happy to report that, because virtual program registrations were going over 100, the Library had to increase its Zoom license to the next level. Mrs. Adamowski said there will be fine-free discussions in the coming months as income from fines keep going down due to automatic renewals.

VI. Unfinished Business:

A. Interior Remodel Project Update

Mrs. Adamowski reported that the Interior Remodel Project is coming to a completion. The company, RoMAAS, Inc. was good to work with. She noted that the carpet has been put down where the old reference desk was and the furniture should be in the first week of February.

VII. New Business:

A. Motion to Approve the Operating Hours of the Library to be Amended on March 1st to:

Monday through Thursday, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Mr. McDonough moved and Mrs. Metanchuk seconded to approve the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Herbach
Mr. Lyon
Ms. Staron
Mr. McDonough
Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Metanchuk
Ms. Talapatra
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

VIII. Closed Session:

A. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21): Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.6

Mr. Lyon moved and Ms. Talapatra seconded to go into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ms. Staron
Mr. McHaley
Ms. Metanchuk
Mr. Lyon
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. Herbach
Mr. McDonough
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

IX. Return to Open Session:

A. Adopt R-01-21: Resolution Authorizing the Release of Closed Session Minutes (see attached).

Mr. Lyon moved and Ms. Talapatra seconded to adopt Resolution R-01-21.

X. Board Member Comments (Round the Table)

Mr. McDonough said that Mrs. Adamowski is doing a great job and this is a very well-run library. Mr. Lyon said that the staff does a great job with Trivia Night. Mr. Herbach agreed. Mrs. Fenne noted that the organizing program at the library was really good. She also mentioned that the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Zoom event for the State of the City address on Thursday at noon.

IX. Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, Mrs. Metanchuk moved and Mr. McDonough seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. McDonough
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mr. Lyon
Ms. Staron
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. Herbach
Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Christell-Sandri
Finance/Business Office Manager

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

WHEREAS, 5ILCS/120 2.06 (d) provides that minutes of closed sessions should be made public once a public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interests or the privacy of an individual by keeping the minutes confidential; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, in open session, reviewed the minutes of past closed sessions currently kept in a closed file; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees has determined that a need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment "A" to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees has further determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to the review session minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment "B" to this resolution and that these minutes should be made available for public inspection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Library Board of Trustees of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that the Library Director is hereby directed to place the following closed session minutes in an open file as listed on Attachment "B" to this resolution.

ADOPTED this 18th day of January 2021.

Mrs. Fenne
Library Board President

ATTEST:

Mr. McHaley
Vice President

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. McDonough
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mr. Lyon
Ms. Staron
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. Herbach
Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

ATTACHMENT "A" –RESOLUTION R-01-21

(Minutes Not to be Released)

April 1, 2013

April 8, 2013

April 15, 2013

May 1, 2013

September 16, 2013

May 18, 2015 (Item X. b.)

ATTACHMENT "B" – RESOLUTION R-01-21

(Minutes to be Released)

December 16, 2019

October 19, 2020

November 16, 2020