

LIBRARY BOARD PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2021

6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held a Library Board Planning meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021. Board President Laurie Metanchuk called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present at roll call via Zoom were: Christine Fenne, Al Herbach, Bob Lyon, Joe McHaley, Laurie Metanchuk, Simone Morton, Kathryn Staron and Vallari Talapatra. Bob McDonough entered via Zoom at 6:35 p.m. Absent: None. Staff members present were: Betsy Adamowski, Library Director, Dawn Kovacs, Assistant Library Director, Ed Sirovatka, IT/Facilities Manager, Lisa Barefield, Teen Department Head, Courtney Tedrick, Community Engagement Department Head, Dana Tieman, Adult Services Department Head, Rachel Weiss-Binder, Youth Services Department Head and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Library Finance/Business Office Manager and recording secretary for this meeting.

II. Strategic Planning Discussion – Wheaton Library Board of Trustees and Management Staff

Mrs. Adamowski began by stating that the Library has had a successful two years and the staff have worked hard as a team to give Wheaton residents a five-star experience. She went on to say the strategic plan is flexible making it so the Library can provide services, no matter what comes up. Mrs. Adamowski pointed out that the plan is based on data and that she has created a new position, Department Head of Continuing Education and Development and, that Dana Tieman will fill that position. Dana has the know-how and will work with both the staff and public. Mrs. Adamowski made the comment that she and the staff know the Library and the Board members know the community. She stated that the Library's Mission Statement is always front and center, what the strategic plan is built to support. She then read each goal and strategy before delving into discussion. The staff and Board members discussed the items at length, asking and answering questions and clarifying some of the items. Mrs. Adamowski said that this strategic plan will be a discussion item on the March Library Board Meeting agenda.

III. Adjournment

Mrs. Fenne moved and Mr. McHaley seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion for adjournment carried at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Christell-Sandri
Finance/Business Office Manager