

SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 30, 2020

5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held a Special Board meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020, in the Library's café seating area on the 1st floor. Board President Christine Fenne called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Members present at roll call were: Christine Fenne, Alan Herbach, Bob Lyon, Bob McDonough, Joe McHaley, Laurie Metanchuk, and Simone Morton. Absent: Kathryn Staron and Vallari Talapatra. Betsy Adamowski, Library Director, and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Library Finance Manager and recording secretary for this meeting, were also in attendance.

II. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

AGENDA

III. Library Director's Report

Mrs. Adamowski thanked everyone for attending, either in person or via teleconferencing. She noted that the meeting was being conducted via Zoom and the attendees who were physically present were practicing social distancing. She thanked the City of Wheaton their willingness to work together through this time. The Library is following the City of Wheaton's lead and they are following the State of Illinois recommendations. As for the Library, all Department Heads are having team meetings with their staff and Mrs. Adamowski is in contact with the Friends of the Library. She and the management staff are working on Virtual Library services, which is getting stronger as time goes on. Mrs. Adamowski stated that she is trying to keep things as normal as possible and staying connected, striving to do what can be done day to day.

IV. Motion to approve paying full compensation to all Library staff members through April 7, 2020

Mrs. Metanchuk moved and Mr. McHaley seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Metanchuk
Ms. Morton
Mr. McDonough
Mr. Herbach
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: Mr. Lyon

Absent: Ms. Staron
Ms. Talapatra

Motion Carried

V. Motion to approve issuing temporary library cards to ALL residents who reside in the School District 200 Boundaries up to September 1, 2020

Mrs. Adamowski explained that she this is a goodwill service so that we can be a part of the solution of getting those, during this downtime, the ability to utilize the libraries digital materials while e-learning and working from home. The September 1st deadline is so all students who participate in virtual learning can finish what they are working towards, example, summer reading program. Mr. Lyon moved and Mrs. Metanchuk seconded to approve the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Staron
Ms. Talapatra

Motion Carried

VI. Next Special Meeting Date: April 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Mrs. Adamowski noted that the members had a copy of the Mayor's Executive Order allowing her to pay Recurring Library Expenses without Board approval in the event there is no regular Board meeting. The consensus was to agree to the Mayor's Executive Order. Mrs. Adamowski stated that the April 7th meeting will be similar to this one, giving Board members the ability to attend via Zoom. It will address the Governor's next Executive Order.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, Mrs. Metanchuk moved and Ms. Morton seconded that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken and the motion for adjournment carried at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Christell-Sandri
Finance Manager