Call to order: The regular meeting of the Cook Memorial Public Library District was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The President of the Board of Library Trustees determined, pursuant to a State of Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation dated July 23, 2021, that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent at this time. The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Vieth at 6:32 p.m. Trustees in attendance in addition to Ms. Vieth were Jim Larson, Phyllis Dobbs, Karen Singer, Nate Johnson, Kristen Palic, and Deb Ader.

Staff members in attendance were Library Director Dave Archer, Finance Director Russ Cerqua, and Executive Assistant Gabriella Pantle.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Ader made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2021. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Vieth, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Palic, and Ms. Ader. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Approval of the Bills: Ms. Dobbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ader to approve the Bills Paid Report for the period of December 18, 2021 through January 14, 2022 in the amount of $804,365.28. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Vieth, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Palic, and Ms. Ader. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Report of the Director: After going over the Librarian’s Statistical Report Mr. Archer provided a COVID vaccine update regarding the federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring vaccination or testing of employees by certain covered business. He reported that in a ruling on January 13, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed enforcement of the OSHA mandate while the substantive challenge to the rule proceeds in the U.S. Court of Appeals. Because Illinois OSHA’s ETS rule incorporates the federal standards, the agency will similarly stay enforcement of its rule while it monitors federal litigation and determines next steps. Library legal counsel will continue to apprise the Library of developments.

Mr. Archer then reported that work continues on the paver and window replacement projects at the Cook Park and Aspen Drive Libraries and provided a brief timeline.

Lastly, he provided a spotlight of the Genealogy Collection and the local history collection.

Approve Report of the Director: Ms. Vieth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ader, to approve the report of the Director. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Vieth, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Palic, and Ms. Ader. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Report of the President: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance & Employee Practices: Ms. Dobbs had nothing specific to report but noted that a meeting will need to be scheduled before the next regular board meeting to revisit the Levy.

Building and Grounds: No report.

Development: No report.

Technology: No report.


Village of Libertyville Parking Commission Representative: No report.

Friends’ Representative: Ms. Dobbs had nothing specific to report but wanted to inform the trustees that the Friends really appreciated the thank you card from the Board.

RAILS Representative: No report.

Historical Society Representative: Ms. Singer reported that the Historical Society is freshening up their brand and redoing their website.

Other Business: None.

Communications: None.

Public questions: None.

Adjournment: Ms. Vieth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ader to adjourn the meeting. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Vieth, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Palic, and Ms. Ader. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Singer, Secretary

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Wendy Vieth, President