

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
COOK MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

March 12, 2024

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Cook Memorial Public Library District was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the Cook Park Library, 413 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by President Deb Ader at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present at roll call in addition to Ms. Ader were Jim Larson, Phyllis Dobbs, Karen Singer, Kristen Palic, Lisa Michaluk, and Sara Lawton.

Staff members present were Library Director David Archer and Human Resources Generalist Marla Littlefield. Also present was the Library's attorney James Ferolo of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn to Closed Session: At 6:33 p.m., Ms. Ader made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbs to adjourn to closed session as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss litigation and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss Personnel. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Ader, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Ms. Palic, Ms. Michaluk, and Ms. Lawton. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Regular Meeting Resumes: The regular meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Ader made a motion, seconded by Ms. Singer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Ader, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Ms. Palic, Ms. Michaluk, and Ms. Lawton. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Approval of the Bills: Ms. Dobbs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Michaluk to approve the Bills Paid Report for the period of February 18, 2023, through March 8, 2024 in the amount of \$681,814.16. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Ader, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Ms. Palic, Ms. Michaluk, and Ms. Lawton. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Report of the Director: Mr. Archer reported that the opening of the annual District 70 Student Art Show was held at Cook Park Library on March 7. A selection of artwork by students in grades K-8 from Adler, Butterfield, Copeland, Rockland and Highland Middle Schools will be on display in the Library through the end of the month. He also reported that this year's One Book, One Community event was once again very successful. On February 25, Brendan Slocumb, author of *The Violin Conspiracy* spoke to an audience of 395 attendees, both in person and virtual about his experiences as a Black classical musician and his inspiration for the book. In addition to the author event, CMPLD offered several supporting programs in January and February including book discussions, a screening of the film *The Red Violin* and programs on violin making and Black contributions to classical music with attendance totaling 228 people. He

also reported that the Friends of the Library once again generously funded the purchase of 200 copies of *The Violin Conspiracy* to give patrons.

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

Report of the President: Ms. Ader informed trustees of virtual Spring Workshops being offered by the ILA Library Trustee Forum and to contact Ms. Pantle if they are interested in registering.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance & Employee Practices: No report.

Policy Review: No report.

Building and Grounds: Mr. Archer reported that the projects at Cook Park Library are on schedule. The installation of the walls will begin on March 26 and shouldn't take more than a week. The installation of the monitors will follow with furniture being delivered in early April.

Technology: No report.

Resources, Services and Long Range Planning: Ms. Ader announced that they will be meeting on April 2 to discuss the bookmobile replacement vehicle.

Friends' Representative: Ms. Dobbs had no report but did announce that the book sale will take place next month on April 20 and 21.

RAILS Representative: No report.

Historical Society Representative: Ms. Ader announced that Ms. Singer will no longer be able to serve as the representative for the Historical Society because her work schedule will prevent her from attending their meetings. After discussing the options, Ms. Lawton volunteered to take over for Ms. Singer.

Other Business: None.

Communications: Ms. Dobbs reported on a fundraising event that she attended at the Grayslake Library.

Public questions: None.

Adjournment: Ms. Palic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ader to adjourn the meeting. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Roll call was as follows: Ayes; Ms. Ader, Mr. Larson, Ms. Dobbs, Ms. Singer, Ms. Palic, Ms. Michaluk, and Ms. Lawton. Nays; none. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Singer, Secretary

Deb Ader, President