

Library Board Minutes
GREENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

President Dombrowski called the Regular meeting of the Greendale Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 PM.

Trustees Present: Amidzich, D’Amato, Dombrowski, Huberty, Hughes, Jensen, Kobleska, Unger

Excused:

Also Present: Van Klooster- Library Director

Library Director Van Klooster stated that the Agenda for this meeting had been published in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1)

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee D’Amato seconded approval of the March 16, 2022 minutes with attendance corrections noted.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstentions: None Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Check Register: March 2022

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee Amidzich seconded approval of the March 2022 expenditures in the total amount of \$14,116.26

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstentions: None Motion: Carried

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- a) Revenues and Expenditures to Actual Comparison: March 2022
- b) Balance Sheet: March 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss results of Library Board Annual Self Evaluation

Van Klooster said that improvement on library stakeholder awareness will come with completion of the upcoming Strategic Plan goal. He said this topic will come to the May Library Board meeting. D’Amato asked if there is overall agreement about thresholds for which numerical ratings are acceptable versus improvement needed. Jensen felt positive about high ratings for relationship with executive director and support of President. Hughes shared his belief that professional development is important because it shows investment in staff and should be prioritized.

- b) Discuss challenges to library materials or policies

Dombrowski shared recent news about book display and book club cancellation in Enid, Oklahoma. Unger said she would have concern about the content in some library materials if they were required reading, as in school curricula. She also highlighted the Library's Selection Policy statement that parents are responsible for their child's reading, and her belief that social media exposure is more harmful than what could be read in the library.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Library Director and Staff Reports: Van Klooster highlighted Wehr and Student art shows; library staff collaborations with Schools and Health; Village Life newspaper project to inventory, index and protect, being undertaken by volunteer; recently hired staff; responded to Jensen's inquiry about the nature of recent open records requests; Hughes cited recent reports that some public officials in Wisconsin have stopped responding to records requests altogether without legal consequence but notes that Van Klooster has responded nonetheless and should continue to comply with the law.
- b) President's Report: No report
- c) Friends/Foundation Report: Unger reviewed Friends membership numbers, upcoming events they will participate in, and noted a new President is needed with Crapitto's intended departure
- d) Human Library: Van Klooster initiated discussion about his plan to produce a Human Library event in Greendale later this year and asked for Library Board help in identifying enough 'human books' to make the event a success.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2)

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.