

**Library Board Minutes
GREENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wednesday, December 21, 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, Hughes, Kobleska, Unger
Excused: Jensen

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1)

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee Hughes seconded approval of the November 16, 2022 minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Check Register: November 2022

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee D'Amato seconded approval of the November 2022 expenditures in the total amount of \$17,104.03. Unger inquired about plumbing repair costs to see if DPW could have helped. Van Klooster said the cost was for parts that he installed himself. Unger also inquired if a conference report was made by the employee who had conference attendance costs. Van Klooster said attendees are required to report back to staff to share their learning after a conference.

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

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a) Revenues and Expenditures to Actual Comparison: November 2022

Unger inquired about overexpenditures in Programming. Van Klooster noted that this had been highlighted at previous meeting, that he expected continued pandemic level reduced programming but that customer activity has returned to pre pandemic levels, so programming has been increased accordingly.

b) Balance Sheet: November 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss additional avenues of library funding and financial resources

Van Klooster summarized his memo. Hughes said he believes the next approach should explore an organized giving program with local benefactors, starting with a 1-3 page concept paper to outline a strategy that would target the above groups. Hughes spoke about the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and shared other insights about the fundraising and philanthropy world in the context of charitable giving in Greendale. Unger noted that Van Klooster mentioned grants that would support youth and after school services and suggested that these sound relevant and should be pursued. Hughes and Van Klooster will discuss next steps and report to the Library Board in January or February.

b) Discuss Director's annual action plan and project plan

Dombrowski said she sees a connection between several areas related to gathering feedback to/from the community about the library, it's services and resources, and future efforts. Kobleska suggested a survey to residents similar to the Village survey sent by mail in the Fall. Kate recommended a discussion about what questions to ask in the survey.

