

**Library Board Minutes
GREENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

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

Trustees Present: D'Amato, Dombrowski, Hughes, Jensen, Kobleska, Unger
Excused: Amidzich
Also Present: Van Klooster- Library Director

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee D'Amato seconded suspension of the maximum public comment time limit approved by the Board Bylaws to allow all attendees to speak.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1)

Alan Bingenheimer of Oakwood Ln spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Linda Larson of Municipal Sq spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Megan Reddin of the Greendale Library spoke in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Margaret Bull of Sycamore St spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Karen Schram of Greenfield spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Danelle Kinziger (no address provided) spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Noelle Kinziger (no address provided) spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Holly Miller of Dorchester Dr spoke on behalf of Community Alliance to share mental health information related to gender and sexual identity.
Hannah Kinziger (no address provided) spoke against the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Heather Godley of Millbank Rd spoke on behalf of PAGE in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Evan Godley of Millbank Rd spoke in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Joy Rivera of Orchard Ln spoke in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Ricardo Rodriguez of Orchard Ln spoke in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Jensen moved, Trustee Kobleska seconded approval of the May 17, 2023 minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Check Register: May 2023

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee D'Amato seconded approval of the May 2023 expenditures in the total amount of \$13,347.22. Unger requested clarification on expenditures for 'GEA/PCC'. Van Klooster said this is for program and materials expenses that support community celebrations sponsored by the GEA and PCC.

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

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a) Revenues and Expenditures to Actual Comparison: May 2023

Jensen noted that donation revenue is higher than budgeted. Van Klooster said this is primarily from large donations for explorer passes that we did not expect to receive.

b) Balance Sheet: May 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Discussion and/or Action on *Programs, Displays and Exhibits* policy

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee Jensen seconded, addition of the phrase, “secondary peer review of chosen programs and displays representing polarizing social topics”, after the second paragraph that starts with “Considerations for approval may include...”

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

Trustee Unger moved, Trustee Kobleska seconded, to include the *Request for Reconsideration* at the end of the *Programs, Displays and Exhibits* policy.

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

Discussion ensued regarding parent awareness of their young person’s involvement in library programs when permission or registration is not required, for example weekly informal teen and tween after-school drop in activities. Permission slips and registration were suggested for future consideration, citing patron safety and parents’ rights/controls. Questions raised about the library’s role in providing recreation and entertainment activities to school age youth, and desired level of engagement with them from library and community perspective. Concerns raised about library services being provided to all equally rather than featuring some groups but not others. Agreement that these topics should receive careful Board consideration over the next several meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

b) Discuss DPI resource: United for Libraries

Van Klooster provided brief overview of accessing this new resource, noted DPI Trustee Essentials remains the best overall but this is a good supplement. Unger suggested viewing ‘Short Takes’ videos in Board meetings to ensure all have opportunity to learn without cumbersome registration process.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Library Director and Staff Reports: Van Klooster highlighted Park and Recreation survey and likelihood of Library to return to doing own independent survey.
- b) President’s Report: Dombrowski described her experience attending the Teen/Tween Pride Month program.
- c) Friends/Foundation Report: Van Klooster said Cousins will do a giveback at the Franklin store on 7/17.
- d) State DPI biennial budget request status update: Van Klooster referenced packet attachments and noted the upcoming State budget could be positive for library systems, which will have a net benefit to MCFLS libraries. Benefits will probably be in the form of increased shared resources or offset costs covered by MCFLS rather than increases to direct revenue to libraries such as reciprocal borrowing.
- e) Library Director Grade I Certification renewal: Van Klooster expects his 5-year certification to be approved by the DPI by the end of June.

CORRESPONDENCE

Van Klooster pointed out that all correspondence addressed to the Library Board was forwarded under separate cover by email to all members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2)

Diannia Merriett of Hill Park Ct spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Joe Omar Jacobs of Arbutus Ct spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Heidi Ripka of Euston St spoke against the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Herb Ripka of Euston St spoke against the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Adam Braatz of Greenmeadow Ln spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Julie Thomas of Dryden Ct spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Nat Godley of Millbank Rd spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Mark Kinziger (no address provided) spoke against the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Mary Grogan of Sutton Ln spoke against the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.
Jason Cyborowski of Doyle St spoke in favor of the Library’s Teen and Tween Pride Month program.

Angie Bahr of Clover Ln spoke in favor of the Library's Teen and Tween Pride Month program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.