

Monday, January 20, 2020

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020, in the Library Board Room. Board President Christine Fenne called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present at roll call were: Christine Fenne, Alan Herbach, Bob Lyon, Bob McDonough, Joe McHaley, Laurie Metanchuk, Kathryn Staron and Vallari Talapatra. Absent: Simone Morton. Betsy Adamowski, Library Director and Lisa Christell-Sandri, Library Finance Manager and recording secretary for this meeting, were in attendance. Mrs. Fenne led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

III. Department Presentation – Jeanne Willwerth, Adult Services Librarian

Ms. Willwerth began by describing her responsibilities. Half of her time is spent at the Adult Reference Desk answering questions and ordering books on Philosophy and Self-Help. As the Library’s Business Specialist, she spends the other half of her time in the Business Resource Center (BRC) purchasing business books, putting together business displays, contributing to the monthly Wheaton Bank & Trust newsletter and planning business programs. She works with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives) who both partner with WPL in the BRC. She has recently started a monthly meet-up with a small group of business owners. She does a quarterly BRC orientation and provides one-on-one consultations. Ms. Willwerth then answered questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

IV. Minutes for the December 16, 2019 Board Meeting

V. Financial Reports for December 2019 and Bill Listings for December 2019 and January 2020 Payment

Mr. Herbach moved and Mr. McHaley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ms. Staron
Mrs. Metanchuk
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. Herbach
Mr. Lyon
Mr. McDonough
Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

VI. Friends of the Library Report – Mrs. Adamowski

There was no report.

VII. Library Director's Report for December 2019

Mrs. Adamowski has been spending time working on the Mad Fore Plaid Golf Event. She noted that almost all areas of the Library will be utilized. She stated that the donor wall should be up by then. During the event there will be 15 items up for a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, mini putt poker, bulls-eye chipping and the longest putt along with the 18 holes for the mini golf. There will be a bar on each floor, appetizers and a DJ. She said that the 200 tickets are almost sold out. On February 7 the library staff will have an in-service day. The Library will be closed as well as Café on the Park, though the café will provide the snacks and lunch for the staff. Mrs. Adamowski told the Board that the Library will again have a display for LGBTQ Month (June) which was very popular last year. The Director also brought up fee cards for Wheaton College students.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

None

IX. New Business:

A. Motion to Approve that the Annual Distribution for the Adams Memorial Fund of \$11,900 Remains in the Fund

Mr. McDonough moved and Mr. Herbach seconded to approve the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. McDonough
Ms. Talapatra
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Herbach
Ms. Staron
Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

B. Motion to Approve that the Annual Distribution for the Wheaton Public Library Agency Fund of \$1,500 Remains in the Fund

Mr. McDonough moved and Ms. Talapatra seconded to approve the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Herbach
Ms. Talapatra
Mr. McDonough
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mr. McHaley
Mr. Lyon
Ms. Staron
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

C. Motion to Approve that the Annual Distribution for the Garbe Book Endowment Fund of \$1,500 Remains in the Fund

Mr. McDonough moved and Ms. Staron seconded to approve the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. McHaley
Mrs. Metanchuk
Mr. Herbach
Ms. Staron
Mr. Lyon
Mr. McDonough
Ms. Talapatra
Mrs. Fenne

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Morton

Motion Carried

X. Board Member Comments (Round the Table)

Mr. McDonough noted that Dr. Lawrence DuBose, one of our greatest donors, had passed away. Mrs. Adamowski said that Dr. DuBose will be getting a gold butterfly on the donor wall. Mr. Lyon appreciated a book recommendation that a material handler gave him. Mrs. Fenne reminded the members about the ILA (Illinois Library Association) Legislative Meet-Up on February 2 in Oak Brook. ILA's lobbyist will be there highlighting current legislation that affects libraries.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, Mrs. Fenne moved and Mr. McDonough seconded that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken and the motion for adjournment carried at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Christell-Sandri
Finance Manager