THE ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 22, 2019
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

A quorum being present, Secretary-Treasurer Molly Brauns called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Oliver F. Baer, Molly M. Brauns, Henrietta Dotson-Williams, Dawn K. Durkin, Jamie Getchius, Paul A. Logli [via conference call], Bradley M. Long, Cesar Sanchez
Members absent: none
Others present: Attorney John Rearden, Lynn Stainbrook, Aaron Carlin, Anthony Cortez, Noel Devine, Emily Klonicki

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. The minutes of the March 25 and April 10, 2019 meetings were approved as published.

Financial Report

2. Anthony Cortez directed members’ attention to the monthly financial reports included in the packets. Members discussed the reports, which were then accepted subject to audit.

Officers Reports

3. Officers had nothing to report.

Financial Planning & Properties Committee ~ Oliver Baer

4. The Financial Planning and Properties Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the use of particular reserve funds to increase ceiling height and the construction of underground parking garage, provided parking garage costs can be reduced to $2.3 million. Members reviewed and discussed the motion; John Rearden suggested the wording be more specific as to which funds are proposed for this purpose. Oliver Baer moved and Brad Long seconded to amend the motion to read “…approve the use of particular reserve funds set aside for the commitment for 2007G library bonds to increase ceiling height…” Motion passed unanimously. Oliver Baer moved and Brad Long seconded to approve the recommended as amended. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Baer, Brauns, Dotson-Williams, Durkin, Getchius, Logli, Long, Sanchez. Nays: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Policies & Services Committee ~ Jamie Getchius

5. The Policies and Services Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed revisions to Policy 7.7.2 Ethics Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Building & Development Committee

6. The Building and Development Committee had no report.
Staff Reports ~ Lynn Stainbrook

7. Lynn Stainbrook directed members’ attention to the staff reports included in the packets. She highlighted the summary of survey results, which tracked closely with responses received during the envisioning session. The RAILS grant application for “A Joyous Way to Learn” was approved. A grant application to the Arts Council for wall painting in the Youth Services area at the Hart Interim Library was approved. An Illinois State Library grant application for replacement of the lift in the theater lobby at Nordlof Center was approved. Stainbrook directed members’ attention to “The Board’s Role in Advocacy: An Expectation for Engaged Leadership” which was included in their packets.

Unfinished Business

8. There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

New Business

9. Molly Brauns called for nominations for Vice President. Henrietta Dotson-Williams nominated Dawn Durkin; Jamie Getchius seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Molly Brauns called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

10. With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

11. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Multipurpose Room at the Nordlof Center [use south entrance]. Please note the date change due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Kathy Hughes
Recorder