

LAKE FOREST LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
360 East Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President John Johnson welcomed all and called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kasian Room, Lake Forest Library.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Bryan Bertola, Jim Clifton, JoAnn Desmond, Josh Jackson, Andrea Lemke, John F. Johnson, Sue Shattock, Bob Shaw, and Heather Strong. Nine Trustees in attendance; a quorum was present.

Library Staff present: Catherine Lemmer, Executive Director, Ed Finn, Director of Operations, and Sameer Notta, Finance Officer, Heidi Krueger, Director of Patron Services.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Johnson welcomed Tish Borkowski, co-President of the Friends of Lake Forest Library who reported on the recent book sale later in the meeting, and Rommy Lopat, who presented her recommendations on restoring the Excedra (stone entrance to the library).

After hearing a review of the Library Minutes from the 1980's, Trustee Desmond inquired when control of the Library (construction decisions, etc.) shifted from the City to the Library, and what caused that shift.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Laura Luce commented that the recording of the meetings, while appreciated, is hard to hear. She also asked about the letter from the Board to the Historic Preservation Committee supporting the Veterans Park monument application. President Johnson confirmed he had written the letter.

Rommy Lopat, resident, urged the Board to become an active part of deliberations in the coming debate on the ¼ acre parcel to the north of the Library that is being considered for the McKinley Road condo development.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION REPORT

No comments.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Jackson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Shattock, to approve the Consent Agenda (omnibus vote on matters 7(a)-7(d)):

- a. Approval of the October 11, 2022 Agenda
- b. Approval of the September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of the September 2022 Financial Report
- d. Approval of the filing of the 2023 Per Capita Grant Application

The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bertola, Chair of the Building Committee, presented a status report on the dome replacement project, and Ed Finn gave an update on the Hill Mechanical proposal to replace select HVAC equipment

The dome replacement project building permit was submitted to the City on September 28. A number of construction bids were received (deadline extended to October 7) and are being reviewed by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to ensure they all meet the specs. The next step will be to review them with the Building Committee and recommend a contractor to the Board.

Ed Finn confirmed the new chiller will be installed in March or April 2023. An asbestos test of the piping insulation surrounding the current chiller was completed and there is no evidence of asbestos.

LIBRARY EXCEDRA

Rommy Lopat presented her findings on the masonry 'gate' on Deerpath road that was at one time the entrance to a path that led to the front door of the Library. Over time the Excedra was modified, plantings were changed or left to mature, such that the current structure is in disrepair. She consulted (informally) a mason, architect, and landscaper to discuss short- and longer-term ways to restore this historic structure, original to the Library.

125TH LAKE FOREST LIBRARY CELEBRATION YEAR

President Johnson reminded the Board that the 125th anniversary of the Library takes place on July 4, 2023. This is an opportunity for a number of events targeting the Library's many audiences in multiple places throughout the city, over an extended period of time.

FRIENDS OF LAKE FOREST LIBRARY UPDATE

Tish Borkowski shared that the 46^h annual Friends of Lake Forest Library Book Sale was a success, generating \$118K in gross sales, thanks to the effort of 70 volunteers. The next event for the Friends will be the Holiday Book Bazaar starting November 29. The Friends will also award \$6K in scholarships to students from Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS REPORT

Director Lemmer reminded the Board about the imminent Lake Forest Reads program featuring the book *Her Hidden Genius*, by Marie Benedict, who will also appear. The Library has partnered with the Rosalind Franklin Medical Center and Lake Forest College, and events take place at Dickinson Center,

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Gorton Center, The History Center, and of course, the Library. Many of these events were funded with support from the Friends of Lake Forest Library.

Director Lemmer also noted that Reed Davis completed the inventory of the Library's art collection which has been turned over to Hindman Appraisals to determine next steps. The Director noted that Mr. Davis' volunteer effort to catalogue the works had saved the Library significant funds and he had completed the work quickly. The Board suggested that there may be other volunteers in the City with specific expertise who could serve the Library on a project basis as needs arise. Trustee Strong suggested that the Library consider adding community members to some of our committees, as other City organizations have done. This would help keep the community abreast of Library activities and also provide much needed support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

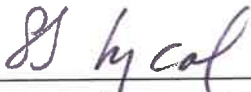
None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Desmond made a motion, seconded by Trustee Shattock, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Sue Shattock, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board on November 8, 2022.