

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Lorain, Ohio

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 17, 2022

President Badillo called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and asked if Board members had a conflict with any item on the agenda, there were none.

Roll Call: President Badillo, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, Ms. Snipes, Mr. Dake, Mr. Ackerman. Ms. Torres was absent.

President Badillo instructed the Board to remove Resolution #2022-010, Approval of Appropriations Modification from the Agenda.

President Badillo welcomed the guests that were in the audience. Dr. Badillo stated Resolution # 2022-011 would be first on the Agenda for this evening. Ms. Donna Kelly-Sprinkle, Branch Manager for the Avon Library, introduced Ms. Brenda Norton representing The Norton Family Foundation and Mr. Doug Petersen representing the Petersen Family.

#2022-011 Resolution Approving the Naming of Spaces at Avon Branch Library

Mr. Dake moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded to accept the following donations and approve naming opportunities in the Avon Branch Library for specific spaces in accordance with the Library's Donor Recognition Policy.

The Norton Family Foundation \$30,000 to be used for the demonstration kitchen to be named The Norton Family Foundation Demonstration Kitchen.

Petersen Family \$10,000 to be used for the children's story time room to be named in honor of Kathy Petersen, long-time President of the Friends of the Avon Library.

Roll Call: yeas, unanimous

#2022-007 Resolution for Approval of the January 20, 2022 Regular Minutes

Ms. Snipes moved, Ms. McClelland seconded to approve the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: yeas, unanimous

#2022-008 Resolution for Approval of the Fiscal Officer's Report for January, 2022

Ms. Snipes moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded to approve the January 2022 Fiscal Officer's Report.

Ms. Robinson stated the Revenues for the month of January without transfers or advances totaled \$450,077. PLF Revenues at 1/31/2022 were \$419,342 which is 8.9% of the estimated annual \$4,714,738. Total Revenues without transfers or advances at 1/31/2022 of \$450,077 are 3.4% of the estimated \$13,113,172. Expenses for the month of January without transfers or advances totaled \$1,516,514. The total of the Board's investments as of 1/31/2022 was \$27,082.700 The decrease is due to the Board making construction payments on the Avon project.

Ms. Robinson is currently working with AOS to tie the reports submitted in the HINKLE System and it should be completed by the end of February.

Roll Call: yeas, unanimous

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Diamond-Ortiz shared that the Avon Branch project is proceeding on schedule. Steel was delivered to the site and the crane is already in place. She then shared that the facilities assessment process is underway. Five architectural firms responded to the Library's request for qualifications. The Library invited three firms to interview. The Library expects to bring a recommendation to the Board in March. There were a couple updates from the Ohio Library council on legislation. HB 51 was signed by the Governor and allows for flexibility in attending public meetings virtually. HB 327 is a bill being considered in committee. This bill concerns the idea of divisive concepts and aims to restrict programs and information about such concepts being discussed. The bill has the potential to restrict public library content, including collections. Lastly, Director Diamond-Ortiz mentioned that February 18th is Toni Morrison Day in Ohio. The Library will host the Community Foundation's award ceremony for the Toni Morrison essay contest. This year, the Library sponsored a poster contest for Toni Morrison Day. The winners will be announced on February 18th.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Friends of the Library

Ms. Cheryl Grizzell stated the Friends of the Library at the Main Branch received \$3,300 at the Book Sale and Domonkas received \$70 from a "White Elephant" Sale.

Lorain Public Library Foundation

Mr. Ackerman stated the golf outing will be held on 9/18/2022 with a rain date of 10/2/2022. Mr. Ackerman further stated they need golfers, volunteers, sponsors, and corporate sponsors. Mr. Ackerman will provide more information when it is available.

Mr. Ackerman stated as of 2/13/2022 the paver sale for the Avon Branch was at 26% of the Foundation's goal. Mr. Ackerman further stated six high school students will be selected to receive pavers in their name at the Avon Branch at the expense of the Foundation.

#2022-009 Approval to Enter into a Depository Agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded to approve entering a depository agreement with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for active and interim deposits for the period beginning February 18, 2022 to and including February 17, 2027.

Fiscal Officer Maria Robinson stated the Library was not closing accounts with any of our current banking institutions but adding and removing authorized signatories will be seamless with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank is handling the Library's new credit cards. Ms. Robinson also stated J.P. Morgan Chase does have a branch located by our South Branch.

Roll Call: yeas, unanimous

#2022-010 (resolution removed from the agenda)

#2022-012 Resolution for Approval of Administrative Salaries

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, CEO Four Percent 4% \$57.93/Hour

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Snipes seconded to increase the salary for the Chief Executive Officer to be effective with the pay period including January 1, 2022.

Roll Call: yeas, unanimous

Presentation-Demo of the New Board Website—Mr. Dan Shell, Director of Information Technology

Presentation—First Amendment Audits—Ms. Jennifer Black, Director of Marketing

Next Meeting:
Regular Business Meeting
March 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
South Branch, 2121 Homewood Drive Lorain

Dr. Badillo asked for a motion to adjourn. All members agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


President


Secretary