

Indian Prairie Public Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
Regular Meeting of April 18, 2018

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2018 – 7 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Acting-Secretary Damon called the roll.

Present: Asma Akhras (left at 8:30 p.m.), Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Diane Ruscitti, Victoria Suriano

Absent: Beena Deshmukh, Crystal Megaridis

Staff Present: Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski, Monica Dzierzbicki,

Others:

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Acting-Secretary Damon read the library mission statement. We enrich people's lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.

Vision Statement: Acting-Secretary Damon read the library vision statement. Our community depends upon the Indian Prairie Public Library District as a vital and trusted resource for achieving personal goals and enhancing quality of life. With a welcoming environment and state-of-the-art services, the library is an essential center of learning, inspiration, and community pride.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. DuPage Children's Museum to Salo re: Thank You
2. Nuzzo to Asimakopoulos re: Librarian For A Day

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2018
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Action on Bill/Additional Bills
4. Ordinance #2018-2 Authorizing Non-Resident Cards  
Krupicka moved, Akhras seconded to set the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Damon moved, Akhras seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

At this point Monica Dzierzbicki gave her staff reports (Item I). She left at 7:14 p.m. and the Board continued with the rest of the agenda

#### G. Library Director's Report

Krupicka attended the library's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon today and said it was a wonderful event.

#### H. Department Reports

##### I. Staff Report –

Monica Dzierzbicki, Mid-Kids Librarian, spoke to the Board about connecting with the schools. She worked with students from Mark DeLay School to create a video for the 90-Second Newberry. The Newberry Film Festival is an annual video contest in which young filmmakers create movies that tell the entire stories of Newbery-winning books in 90 seconds. Dzierzbicki and the students developed a script from the book, Last Stop on Market Street. The students in the video club filmed it and IPPL Technology Associate, Dave Bunn, edited the film. It was one of the films chosen for the Chicago Film Festival and was shown at a viewing event. The Board enjoyed watching the video tonight. Dzierzbicki also reported that Youth Services has been busy focusing on assisting the schools with their book related activities. The department supports the schools throughout the year with Battle of the Books and the State Award Books (Caudill, Monarch, Bluestem). Dzierzbicki said the library is always looking for ways to help the schools with their book and technology needs.

Tony Lucarelli, Head of Adult Services, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He will give his report next month.

##### J. Reports

1. Chamber Reports – backup in packet.
2. RAILS – backup in packet.
3. Building and Grounds Committee – no report.
4. Finance Committee – no report.
5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report.
6. Policy Committee – no report.

##### K. Unfinished Business

1. Survey Results – The Board continued the discussion they began last month about the results from the Use of the Library's Building survey and the Learning and Making survey. Tonight they focused on a spreadsheet with data from the Learning and Making survey. The spreadsheet listed the top activities that the respondents would use a space for at the library and take classes in. The information was organized by age group. Key points from the discussion:
  - Bukovac noted that across all age groups well over 50% of respondents think these are activities that the library should be offering. People are interested in doing things that we don't do or we do very little of, or they also think it's something the library should be offering.
  - Akhras thought it was interesting that the age group that visits us the least (18-24) was also the group with the highest percentage as far as wanting us to provide these activities. She wondered whether the 18-24 age group would visit the library even if we offered their top activities.

- Ruscitti noted that some shopping malls are offering classes for woodworking, painting, crafts, etc. Some activities are free while others are not. Also, some retail spaces can be rented for the day. There may be some overlap between what they're offering and what we offer.
- Krupicka said if we do want to offer some of these things we may have to offer them off-site. Ruscitti said that may be a way to use some of the idle space that's available.
- Bukovac said that with our older residents the results obviously skew with them thinking of the library in the more traditional sense. But on the other hand we have to be looking ahead as far as what keeps the library viable to the community.
- Bukovac said there has been a dramatic decrease in circulation in libraries and we're starting to see that slide. Lucarelli and Williams are looking at what the change has been over the last two years in terms of items checked out so we can understand the patterns/trends. All this data is good for strategic planning in terms of how our community is changing and what our vision is for the library – what do we want to be to the community, what does the community want us to offer.
- Bukovac said it's difficult to get feedback from people who don't use us. So we keep relying on our users to tell us in what direction they want us to go.
- Krupicka said that some people don't want to do anything at the library, they just want to come – they just want a place to go. Bukovac said that's what we saw in the Use of the Building survey - people want more lounge furniture, more quiet space, more study space.
- Akhras said she'd like to see us create a space to explore the arts (music, literature, painting) – integrate it into the building itself so that the community has a specific place within the library where they can explore the arts. Where else can people go locally for this? It's getting less accessible. STEM is important but let's not forget the liberal arts/human creativity. She doesn't think a retail environment has that sense of community or a connection to something.
- Suriano said maybe some of these activities could be grouped together and addressed at different times of the year and there'd be some continuity.
- There was speculation as to whether some of the basement space (two rooms right off the elevator) could be used in the future.
- Bukovac said that some business people have told Jensen they would like a co-working space.
- Bukovac said there are definite patterns when spaces are used on the second floor. So are there spaces that can serve double duty? For example, the teen area is empty in the morning, maybe we can have it serve double duty – by having portable furniture/set-up, the space would be more usable. The first floor is harder because those spaces are constantly being used.
- Bukovac said that the activities on the survey provide a way for people to connect. When you think about a community center you're providing all these different opportunities – time to connect, time to be alone, time to learn, time to share your talent. We want to start finding more volunteers who perhaps can bring different types of skills – maybe someone in the community can teach knitting or woodworking etc. – local experts.
- Krupicka said people have said to her there really is no place in the community for seniors. Bukovac noted that it's hard to get seniors to join in. We've tried a Friday morning and a Friday afternoon club and we'd get a couple people. We've found

that when we run a planned program (i.e. Thursday afternoon movie, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays) we get a good turn-out. We do have bridge, canasta and chess here.

- Bukovac said we need to determine: What is the new vision? Where are we going? Then we can plug in these ideas and figure out how we make them happen. She is looking for exploration right now, not decisions.

2. Family Center Update – Bukovac showed a video that Natalie Williams and Dave Bunn made about the new Family Center. Williams wrote the script and Bunn did the filming. The video explains the mission of the Family Center, why this type of service is important to children and the renovation that will occur as a result of the Sadowski Family donation.

L. New Business

1. Process for Strategic Planning – The discussion was tabled until next month.

M. Committee Meetings

1. Building and Grounds Committee, May 7 at 6 p.m.
2. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

N. Community Events

O. Library Event

P. Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m. Damon moved, Krupicka seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Donald Damon, Acting-Secretary