

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 16, 2016

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016 – 7 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Secretary Deshmukh called the roll.
Present: Donald Damon, Beena Deshmukh, Julia Lacayo, Marian Krupicka, Diane Ruscitti,
Victoria Suriano

Absent: Crystal Megaridis

Staff Present: Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski, Natalie Williams

Others:

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

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

Vision Statement: Secretary Deshmukh 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 – none

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Beardsley to Bukovac re: Darien Woman's Club Soap Collection
2. Guerilla Storytime Training Featuring Katie Salo

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 17, 2016
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Action on Bill/Additional Bills

Deshmukh moved, Damon seconded to set the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Damon moved, Ruscitti seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

At this point Natalie Williams gave her staff report (Item I). The Board then discussed item L2 of New Business (Sunny Patch Container Garden). Williams left at 7:50 p.m. and the Board continued with the Library Director's report and the rest of the agenda.

G. Library Director's Report

Bukovac reported that the candidate chosen for the Senior Technology Librarian position has accepted and will start on April 25.

H. Department Reports

I. Staff Report – Natalie Williams, Head of Youth Services spoke about the ILEAD grant project she participated in last year. Williams and four other area librarians participated in three week-long visits to Springfield where they received extensive leadership training from experts in libraries and technology. For their ILEAD project they first had to identify a common need among their library community. The group recognized that they all want to be able to provide their communities with programming, technology and resources but are often limited by time and the cost of materials/technology. So they created an online resource (Shareable Library) for youth services staff around the state to share materials and ideas. This online marketplace makes it possible for librarians to share, shadow and swap their program ideas, materials, experience and expertise. They promoted their website by presenting at ILA as well as to local groups and conferences. Williams demonstrated the shareablelibrary website to the Board. The group used grant money to create their website and each of the five librarians purchased a material or technology to swap (sewing machines, ukuleles, GPS device, Ozobot Robots and Bee-Bots, LEGO WeDos). Williams said participating in the ILEAD grant project was incredibly rewarding.

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 - none

L. New Business

1. How-To-Expo - Birmingham reviewed the list of participants for the library's How-To Expo scheduled for April 16. Most of the demonstrations do not require registration. The information is on our website with links to participant websites.
2. Sunny Patch Container Garden – Bukovac explained that Sunny Patch is a community container garden in Darien that would like to partner with the library by putting a vegetable container garden on our property. The group has identified families that are food insecure and grows food for these families. Youth Services would create a “Garden Buddy” program for the summer to take care of the containers but Sunny Patch is committed to taking care of the containers if we can't. Williams showed the Board the fabric raised beds (Big Bag Bed) that would be used. The Board is in favor of the idea. They agreed that this local gardening endeavor ties in with our Seed Library and is a good community partnership.
3. Trustee Visits to Libraries – At their last meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee decided the trustees should visit other libraries to see how they are using their space. Bukovac reviewed a list of eight libraries with the Board. All are brand new buildings or have been completely renovated. Bukovac hopes to have the visits completed by the May Board meeting at which time the Trustees would share their observations.
4. Strategic Plan 4.4.4 Consider the Use of Sponsorship of Services – Our strategic plan calls for the library to consider the use of sponsorships. The Board discussed the subject and the need to continually explore areas of monetary support. They noted the importance of pointing out to potential sponsors the amount of exposure and value their library sponsorship would provide them (vs. traditional business ads). The Board agreed it is a good idea to further explore sponsorship so Bukovac will work up a proposal for the Board to review.

M. Scheduled Meetings

A Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for April 12 at 12 p.m.

N. Community Events

O. Library Event

P. Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m. Krupicka moved, Ruscitti seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Beena Deshmukh, Secretary