

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of August 16, 2023

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 16, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Secretary Krupicka called the roll.

Present: Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Sri Rao, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano

Absent: Donald Damon

Staff Present: Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Joe Popowitch

Others:

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

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

Vision Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library vision statement. Lives are enriched and dreams are realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Birmingham to Darien Woman's Club re: Thank You for Donation
2. Doings Article re: Mobile Museum of Tolerance

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, July 19, 2023
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Approval of 2023 Illinois Public Library Annual report
4. Local Government Efficiency Act Final Report

Rao moved, Krupicka seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rao, Rodriguez, Suriano. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

At this point Popowitch gave his staff report. He left at 7 p.m. and the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.

G. Library Director's Report

With respect to the Foundation and Friends, it was suggested that we develop a wish list for the Maker Studio, perhaps with tiered giving, keeping space considerations in mind.

H. Department Reports

Lawson reported that our Building Services Coordinator put a fresh coat of paint on the book drops and the bollards in front of the building. Painters are in the process of refreshing many walls inside the building.

- I. Staff Report – Joe Popowitch, Resource Services Librarian, spoke to the Board about our genealogy resources. We have a small collection of books as most resources are available online. Popowitch highlighted the databases and helpful links on our website. In addition we offer programs as well as equipment for scanning and digitizing. Our Genealogy Group meets every month at the library to share a wealth of information. IPPL has been a FamilySearch affiliate library since 2018 creating broader access to historical record collections for our patrons.

J. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - backup in packet.
2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
3. Finance Committee – no report.
4. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
5. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - None

L. New Business

1. Programming Discussion – Suriano read the following statement in response to public comment at last month's Board meeting:

Last month, we had a number of people attend the board meeting. Those who had a public comment were generally very complimentary about the library and our programming. There was a comment about the library's cancellation of the Rainbow Club and I wanted to share some background. First of all, the library has had a Rainbow Club for teens for many years. The two high school districts that we serve also have clubs that support LGBTQIA teens. Over the past couple of years, we have seen our attendance for the club drop significantly. Last year our Rainbow Club had little to no attendance. Students indicated that they were attending the club at the high school and our club no longer interested them. We also offered a Rainbow Club for Parents and Allies and this too had little to no attendance. In general for all of our programs, attendance numbers are key in determining what programs are of interest to the community. Because of the lack of attendance, we stopped offering the Teen Rainbow Club this fall. Indian Prairie serves to support our local schools. The schools have licensed educators, social workers and guidance counselors who directly work with LGBTQIA students. We will be having conversations with our local school leaders as a part of our upcoming strategic planning process. These conversations will give us insight on how we can best support our schools and area students.

2. Strategic Plan Timeline – Lawson reviewed the timeline with the Board. The Trustees are excited to start the process.

M. Meetings

N. Adjournment

At 7:36 p.m. Rodriguez moved, Rao seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rao, Rodriguez, Suriano. Nays: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.

Marian Krupicka, Secretary