

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 20, 2013

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 20, 2013 – 7 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Megaridis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Secretary Suriano called the roll.

Present: Marian Krupicka, Crystal Megaridis, Paul Oggerino, Luanne Spiros, Victoria Suriano, Robert Thomas

Absent: Jo Ann Schusterich

Staff Present: Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski, Cris Cigler, Joe Popowitch

Others: Beena Deshmukh, a Burr Ridge resident interested in one of the open Trustee positions

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

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

Vision Statement: Secretary Suriano 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 welcoming, state-of-the-art service, the library is an essential center of learning, inspiration, and community pride.

C. Public Comment – none

At this point Popowitch spoke to the Board regarding Item H (Staff Report). Popowitch left at 7:25 p.m. and the Board continued with Communications and Announcements and the rest of the agenda.

D. Communications and Announcements

1. LACONI Annual Trustee Banquet
2. Woman's Day Article Help Your Library Thrive

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 20, 2013
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Action on Bills/Additional Bills

Spiros moved, Oggerino seconded to set the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Spiros moved, Suriano seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

Bukovac reported that a new Head of Youth Services was hired and will start on April 1. She has worked for Chicago Public Library and South Portland Maine Public Library. Six candidates were interviewed. Of the six, three were called back and met with the youth services department and the department heads. Spiros thanked Bukovac and Megaridis for their work on the Praxair grant application.

H. Staff Report - Joe Popowitch, Adult Services Librarian, demonstrated the various ways to access community information on our website including a frequently asked questions page and a local community events blog. Popowitch also spoke about the community service volunteers that he manages. Until recently we accepted anyone who contacted us. This became too difficult to manage so we now only accept people who are directly referred to us by the courts. Those include adults and juveniles through DuPage County and juvenile offenders through the Peer Jury program. Each person has had a background check and signs a court-ordered volunteer agreement. Last fiscal year we had 76 court-appointed volunteers who performed 2,080 service hours. They performed various tasks which included cleaning shelves, wiping down the front windows, alphabetizing the DVDs, and shifting areas of the collection when needed.

I. Reports

1. WB/BR Chamber of Commerce – Cigler’s report is in the packet. Megaridis thanked Cigler for attending the meetings.
2. Darien Chamber of Commerce - (no report)
3. RAILS – backup is in the packet.
4. Building and Grounds Committee - (no report)
5. Finance Committee – (no report)
6. Plan/Annexation Committee (no report)
7. Policy Committee – (no report)
8. Communication Committee – Suriano reported that the committee met tonight. They discussed messaging in general. Also discussed was the library’s value as a community center and how this ties in with our mission and vision statements. They agreed that Cigler will develop a message for the December newsletter letting the public know that the library’s bonds will be paid off in December 2013 and that after reviewing the library’s financial status the Board made the decision not to ask residents to apply the bond money to the operating budget. The message will be repeated from December 2013 through May 2015 when residents will see the impact on their property tax bills.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Process for Appointing Trustees – The Trustees agreed that the process they used in the past worked well. Interested parties will submit answers to a brief questionnaire and the Board will conduct interviews. The item will be on the April and May agendas. Bukovac will review the questions previously used with Megaridis and they will finalize the details.

K. New Business

1. Trustee Advocacy – The Trustees agreed that their visits to the village/city boards are very worthwhile and should be done at least yearly; face-to-face time with the legislators is a useful, important part of their role as Trustees and should be coupled with periodic letters to the legislators; they should have a presence at library events (i.e. volunteer luncheon, Chan concert, Friends meeting); opportunities exist on a local level (i.e. Women’s Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis). Bukovac will attend an on-line advocacy class over the summer and will share information with the Trustees. An Advocacy Plan will be created.

L. Scheduled Meetings

A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 7 p.m. Information for the meeting was distributed to the committee members tonight.

M. Community Events

N. Library Events

The Big Read: Ciao Bella! Italian in an Hour	3/20/2013	7:00 PM
After School Chess - Kids	3/21/2013	4:00 PM
Poetry Workshop Series	3/21/2013	6:30 PM
Crime Readers Book Discussion	3/21/2013	7:00 PM
RU Game: Super Smash Brothers Tournament	3/22/2013	6:30 PM
Getting Started with Your iPad	3/23/2013	10:00 AM
Kids Read - Family Spaghetti Dinner	3/23/2013	6:30 PM
The Big Read: Coming to America: Ellis island	3/24/2013	2:00 PM
Intro. To Excel	3/25/2013	3:30 PM
Great Decisions	3/25/2013	7:00 PM
Intro. To Excel	3/26/2013	3:30 PM
4th Wednesday: Yoga at the Library	3/27/2013	1:00 PM
Kids Read- Skype with Sharon Creech	3/27/2013	2:00 PM
Investors: Find Opportunities	3/27/2013	7:00 PM
Genealogy Group	3/28/2013	1:00 PM
Drop in Sessions for Digital Magazines	3/28/2013	2:00 PM
Explore Career Options	3/28/2013	7:00 PM
Movies & More: Skyfall	3/29/2013	7:00 PM
Adult Chess Group	4/1/2013	6:00 PM
Social Media for Business	4/2/2013	6:00 PM
Drop in Sessions for Digital Magazines	4/3/2013	6:30 PM
Eco-Friendly Eats	4/3/2013	7:00 PM
Today's Smart Living: Super-Coupons 1	4/4/2013	7:00 PM
Play Reading Society	4/5/2013	2:00 PM
Practice ACT	4/6/2013	10:00 AM
ESL Conversation Group	4/6/2013	10:00 AM
Chan Concert: The Big Read: An Afternoon of Opera	4/7/2013	2:00 PM
Email for Beginners	4/8/2013	3:30 PM
Adult Chess Group	4/8/2013	6:00 PM
Great Decisions	4/8/2013	7:00 PM
Internet for Beginners	4/9/2013	3:30 PM
Novel Idea- The Cradle by Patrick Somerville	4/10/2013	7:00 PM
Senior Friday Fun Days	4/12/2013	10:00 AM
Play Reading Society	4/12/2013	2:00 PM
Game Night for 20-30somethings	4/12/2013	7:00 PM
Kids Swap 'n' Shop	4/13/2013	10:30 AM
Inside Darien's History	4/14/2013	2:00 PM
Adult Chess Group	4/15/2013	6:00 PM
GenLit (for 20-30 somethings)	4/15/2013	6:30 PM
Today's Smart Living: Creative Wedding Flowers for Less	4/15/2013	7:00 PM
Book Giver Reception	4/16/2013	5:00 PM

O. Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. Spiros moved, Oggerino seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Victoria Suriano, Secretary