Opening of Meeting

A. Brooke Sievers called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.


C. Leonard made a motion to approve the agenda for the 10/16/2023, Board meeting, as submitted. Murray seconded the motion and it carried.

   Beribak    absent    Murray     aye
   Bramwell  absent    Pekoll     aye
   Leonard    aye       Sievers    aye

D. Pekoll made a motion to approve the 09/18/2023, Board meeting minutes and the 09/20/2023 Special Board meeting minutes, as submitted. Leonard seconded the motion and it carried.

   Beribak    absent    Murray     aye
   Bramwell  absent    Pekoll     aye
   Leonard    aye       Sievers    aye

Reports

A. Director’s Report: The Freedom to Read rally went very well. FPPL was one of the few that did an event for BBW. New Code of Conduct was introduced at the in-service day. New FPPL Trustee drive created on Google to house foundational documents: bylaws, training and onboarding documents, policy manuals. YA Room is getting some replacement furniture. 143 new library cards issued this month.
B. Treasurer’s Report: No real estate tax revenue received this month. Collection budget at 28.1% for the fiscal year.
   a. Financial Report:
C. Board Committee Reports: Finance Committee discussed revenue streams and financial planning for future. Merits of switching banks discussed.
D. Trustee Reports: Library Foundations discussed
E. Forest Park Cares Fund: Comfort Cabinet funded exclusively by donations. Foundation funds could be established to support it, but no taxpayer funds can be used for this purpose. Timeline: community engagement and safety coordinator on point. Policy implementation projected for December.
F. Follow up to Capital Repair Plan: Concerns over special reserve funding levels for projects. CR&M plan is sound but the board will need a plan for prioritizing items.
G. Public Comment: none

Unfinished Business
None

New Business

A. Leonard made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $59,205.30 and all other monthly expenditures. Murray seconded the motion and it carried.

  Beribak absent Murray aye
  Bramwell absent Pekoll aye
  Leonard aye Sievers aye

Executive Session

The Board of Library Trustees will meet in Executive Session under the exception of the Open Meetings Act ILCS Chapter 5, Act 120/2 (c ) Exceptions. “ A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.”

No Executive Session

Adjournment

Sievers adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm by unanimous consent.
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Respectfully submitted,
James Pekoll, Secretary