

CARY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2025

7:00 PM

Cary Area Library

1606 Three Oaks Road

MINUTES

1. Call to order, Board President, Jan Polep, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Roll call, Secretary- Present were Library Trustees: Gayle Booth, Tom Garvin, Jan Polep, Christina Rank and Lisa Stordahl. Also present were Executive Director Mona Reynolds, Assistant Director Becky Oberhauser and Administrative Services Manager Dawn Ferree. Theresa Hart and Scott Migaldi were absent.
3. Approval of board minutes from:
 - a. Regular Board meeting February 13, 2025: The minutes from the regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2025 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Stordahl, 2nd by Booth. All ayes, motion approved. Garvin abstained.
4. Communications:
 - a. Public Comment: None.
 - b. Correspondence:
 - i) Oberhauser provided a review of the last TIF Review Board meeting on February 26, 2025.
 - ii) Mayor Roundtable: Reynolds provided a summary of items discussed at the Mayor's Roundtable that took place on March 13, 2025. Reynolds, Oberhauser and Garvin all attended. See the Village community development website (choosecary.com) and the Village website for more details including information on transportation, new businesses in Cary, proposed housing and proposed plans for the Maplewood property. The Village will also hire Cary Grove High School interns this summer for the first time.
 - iii) Save the date: The LACONI Annual Trustee Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2025, at The Nineteenth Century Club in Oak Park at 6-9 pm.
5. Treasurer's report:
 - a. February 2025, Treasurer Stordahl reported that the Library opened the month with \$3,459,829.47 and closed with \$3,297,565.93. The Library received no McHenry County Property Taxes or Lake County Property Taxes and no PPRT. Revenues of \$2,730.00 came from passport income. Grants of \$1,452.17 were received as well as a non-resident fee of \$342.82. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Booth, 2nd by Rank. On roll call, all ayes, motion approved.
6. Approval of bills:
 - a. February 2025, Treasurer Stordahl reported that the total approval of bills, transfers and payroll through March 13, 2025 was \$334,209.25.
 - b. Bills paid included \$3,060.60 to Constellation Energy, \$9,401.35 to Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$5,815.41 to Ingram Library Services and \$4,122.40 to Vogue Printers. Motion to approve February bills made by Garvin, 2nd by Booth. On roll call, all ayes, motion approved.
7. Statistics and Reports:
 - a. January statistics: Oberhauser reviewed statistics.
 - b. Department news: Board packet reports from each Library department were briefly reviewed.

- c. Executive Director's report: Reynolds reviewed items outlined in her report in the Board packet. She created guidance for staff on immigration enforcement topics this past month. She spent time updating the e-rate application which is time consuming. She is also working on salary projections for the Board to review next month.
- d. Strategic Plan update: Reynolds updated the Board on the Strategic Plan. Oberhauser and Bovino met with home school and with D26 Hispanic community leaders in January and another home school group in February and have received some feedback that they are now assessing. Transportation services and library hours, free and affordable ESL classes, free and affordable bi-lingual mental health services were some of the items discussed by the Hispanic community leaders. Oberhauser mentioned that they will be developing a newcomer's club starting in the fall and Bovino will set up book depositories at 2 local businesses Quick Wash and La Michoacana for easier access to the Hispanic and immigrant community. They are also looking at more programming to meet homeschool needs such as providing multiple age programs at the same time and specific visits (similar to 4th grade visits) but geared to homeschoolers.
- e. Staff presentation: Rita McNeely, Adult Program Coordinator, and Jenene Jorian, Youth and Teen Program Coordinator, provided a staff presentation on the Library Lovers Expedition Program. McNeely and Jorian outlined the purpose and the benefits of the program. They noted that the program has grown since the first year and more libraries have been included each year. The public has embraced these programs. There is some discussion of expanding into libraries outside McHenry County in the future. One of our Board members even signed up for the program at the meeting!

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. New business: Discuss and decide: Resolution 2025-02-A Resolution to Withdraw the Library from IRMA: With the quote estimate available from LIRA at roughly \$28,156 as compared to is \$38,215 from IRMA and the clear advantages to the Library of using LIRA due to its expertise in working with Libraries, a motion was made by Rank, 2nd by Stordahl to withdraw from IRMA and transition to LIRA in the coming year. On roll call, all ayes, motion approved. (Note: the library has until March 31st to submit the withdrawal notice to IRMA and until August 31st to rescind that withdrawal.)

10. Any and all other business the Board may wish to discuss: none.

11. Adjourn- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rank, 2nd by Booth. All ayes, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary