



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD AT THE
CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
5:00 P.M.

President Vargas called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Mary Hernandez called roll. The following Trustees were present: President Ismael Vargas, Vice-President Anthony Grazzini, Trustees Rosemarie Esposito, Mario Castaneda, Alfonso Vega and Secretary Mary Hernandez. Also present were Library Director Sandra Tomschin and Board Attorney Matt Byrne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

America in Bloom

Library Director Sandra Tomschin reported she was a nominee for “America in Bloom” for all she has done to beautify the library since she has started. She did receive a Champion Award for everything she had started in the community. She reported on the various projects in the library which included a fruit and vegetable garden and Pat’s Little Library. She disseminated pictures of all the projects.

Minutes

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept and place on file the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes as presented. Vice-President Grazzini seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Esposito made a motion to accept and place on file the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes as presented. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President



Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bills

Trustee Vega made a motion to pay the October 2023 bills as presented and place on file. Trustee Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Castaneda, Esposito, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Salaries

Vice-President Grazzini made a motion to pay the August 2023 salaries as presented and place one file. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to pay the September 2023 salaries as presented and place one file. Vice-President Grazzini seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrative Director's Report

Library Director Sandra Tomschin reported the following updates.

In conjunction with the Community Block Grant, the permits have been issued for the Makers Space and the Quiet Rooms and construction would be starting soon. Once it is completed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be scheduled. The parking lot has been sealed and striped. She noted that they will need to review the internal policies for the library. She indicated they would need to discuss the new laws that will take effect next year regarding the Employee Pay Act. She also discussed the banned books laws, which will need to be approved by January 1, 2024. She discussed the new system that is issuing the checks.

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the Library Director's Report as presented and place on file. Vice-President Grazzini seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Department Reports

Vice-President Grazzini made a motion to accept the reports for the Circulation Department for the month of September 2023 as presented and place on file. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Vice-President Grazzini made a motion to accept the reports for the Technical Services Department for the month of September 2023 as presented and place on file. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the reports for the Reference Department for the month of September 2023 as presented and place on file. Trustee Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the reports for the Youth Services Department for the month of September 2023 as presented and place on file. Vice-President Grazzini seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence

There was none presented.

Unfinished Business

Library Attorney Matt Byrne briefed the Trustees on the Illinois Book Ban Law and the provisions it entailed. He indicated he will make sure the library is in compliance.

New Business

Room Rental Fee Waiver Request from Youth Crossroads (All our Kids Network) for October 19, 2023 and November 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Secretary Hernandez asked why they were requesting to use the library and not their facilities. Library Director Tomschin responded that they wanted to use the room as a source for outreach to families who may need services.

Vice-President Grazzini made a motion to Approve the Room Rental Fee Waiver Request from Youth Crossroads (All our Kids Network) for October 19, 2023 and November 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: Trustee Vega, President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Castaneda, Esposito and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Vargas requested that any agencies who rent the room at the library provide details of their purpose for the rental.

Public Comments

There was none presented.

Adjourn into Executive Session

Trustee Vega made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:26 p.m. Trustee Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Castaneda, Esposito, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and must be open to the public. 5 ILCS 120/2 C (1).

Reconvened to Open Session

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 6:04 p.m. Trustee Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye:



President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Informational Item

President Vargas announced that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting would be held on Monday November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cicero Public Library.

Adjourn Meeting

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Vargas, Vice-President Grazzini, Trustees Esposito, Castaneda, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secretary