



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, February 19, 2025 was held at 7:00pm, at the La Grange Park Public Library, 555 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

1. President Gies called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Gies, Secretary Demes-O'Brien, Trustee Snow, Trustee Donaldson, and Trustee Hightower. Absent Vice President Whitman and Treasure Swainson. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s): None.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Staff Reports: Oppenheim informed the board the library should soon be receiving the last 10% of construction grant funds from the State, contingent on the approval of apprenticeship hours by Illinois Works. The State is expected to come out for an on-site visit on March 12, 2025 to ascertain whether construction was completed. Staff discovered a leak coming from the clerestory on the second floor. Leopardo Construction will inspect it on February 21. Oppenheim pointed out that the library is still within the 12-month warranty period for the construction work.
7. Trustee reports: None.
8. Snow motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve the Consent Agenda with corrected check numbers. Motion passed with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 absent. Snow, Hightower, Donaldson, Demes-O'Brien, and Gies.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$42,231.72
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37665-37706
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Discussion of 50th Anniversary Committee – The Board discussed a meeting about the 50th Anniversary. The Board was impressed with what a great job the staff has done with tag lines, logos, and other preparations for the bash. Oppenheim also mentioned that the library applied for a grant to help with the production of a video for the celebration. Oppenheim suggested that trustees mark their calendars for a parking lot party to celebrate the anniversary on the evening of June 14, 2025.
10. New Business:
 - a. Upcoming COW Meeting Dates – Director Oppenheim asked the board to save the dates for several COW meetings in April through November. These COW meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month and will be used to review and update 3 to 4 policies per month.
 - b. Executive Director Evaluation – President Gies asked the board to fill out the evaluation and send it to her by early April.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None.
12. No further business adjournment-Snow motioned, seconded by Hightower, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.