



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, March 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, Vice President Whitman, Secretary Demes-O'Brien, Trustee Donaldson, and Trustee Hightower. Absent: Treasure Swainson and Trustee Snow. 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: Catherine (Cat) Gemkow, Teen Librarian, has been in her position for 5 months and has done a lot in that time. Cat offered a special shout out to the previous Teen Librarian, Samantha Farruggia, for laying down a great foundation to build upon. Ms. Gemkow would love to do more with the teens. She has found that they respond well to monthly programs, whether they are at our library, another, or at their schools. The teens really enjoy graphic novels and the take and make crafts. Ms. Gemkow has received requests for volunteering from our teens, so has been working on developing volunteer opportunities at the library and finding ones with other community organizations.
7. Trustee reports: Trustee Donaldson mentioned that one of our banks, Evergreen, merged with Old Second Bank.
8. Whitman motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve the Consent Agenda with the mentioned addition. Motion passed with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 absents. Whitman, Hightower, Donaldson, Demes O'Brien, and Gies.
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
 - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$23,709.63
 - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37707-37728
9. Unfinished business: None
10. New Business:
 - a. Temporary Page Job Description – Director Oppenheim asked the board to review the job description for the Page position. This will be a two month position starting June 1 through July 31; it will be 12-18 hours per week, and will pay the minimum wage.
 - b. Hightower motioned, seconded by Whitman to accept the Page job description. All in favor, motion passed.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – Director Oppenheim explained to the board there was an eleven month walk through of our building with Leopardo and 845 Design. He mentioned that we are still finding that birds can make their way into the upper level. The leak on the upper floor was a cracked pipe, and was fixed on the morning of the meeting. New signage has been installed throughout the building. He also mentioned that the elevator was now operating correctly. A planned visit by a representative from the State Library had to be canceled and will be rescheduled. Trustee Whitman stated that she is very pleased by the working relationship with 845 Design and Leopardo.
12. Adjournment: Whitman motioned, seconded by Hightower, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.