



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, July 16, 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 Demes-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Demes-O'Brien, Vice-President Whitman, Secretary Snow, Treasure Hightower, Trustee Gies, Trustee Krall, and Trustee Sifuentes. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Staff Reports: Director Oppenheim informed the Board that an assistant for the Adult Department, Nikolaj Frantisek, was hired and will start at the end of July. They come with a lot of experience at the White Oak Library District and will make a good fit. Patricia Harwood explained to the board the Bookshop has been doing very well, thanks to all of the residents who donate. There are four volunteers who help out. The library purchased new donation bins, which are right across from the Circulation desk, where donations can be made. The library currently accepts all donations and doesn't discriminate based on item condition.
5. Introduction of Visitor(s): None
6. Public Comment: None
7. Trustee reports: None
8. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Consent Agenda with the suggested corrections. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Sifuentes, Whitman, Krall, Gies, Hightower, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
  - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
  - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$37,492.23
  - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37883-37926
9. Unfinished business:
  - a. Gies motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Confidentiality of Library Records policy. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. All in favor.
  - b. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Posting of Non Library Materials policy. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor.
  - c. Whitman motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Public Comment policy. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor.
  - d. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Sponsorship policy. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor.
10. New Business:
  - a. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve Ordinance 2025-03: Tentative Budget and appropriations. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Hightower, Snow, and Demes O'Brien.
  - b. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Whitman to approve a date for the public hearing on the Budget & Appropriation for FY 2025/26, on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor.
  - c. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman to approve Illinois Public Library Annual Report for FY25. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor.



11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None.
12. Adjournment – Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Whitman, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.