



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, August 20, 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 7:00 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: President Demes-O'Brien, Secretary Snow, Trustee Gies, and Trustee Krall. Absent Vice President Whitman, Treasurer Hightower, and Trustee Sifuentes. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Staff Reports: Rose Hopkins-LaRocco, Children's Service Director, informed the Board that the library had 562 participants for Summer Reading Program, and came very close to the community reading goal of 400,000 minutes. At the end of the reading program, the library hosted a party where featuring snow cones, games, and crafts. Attendees and staff all had a great time. Outreach has been very strong, including the Picnics in the Parks. There will be one more Picnic in September. Rose had a story time at the Brookfield Zoo with multiple families from La Grange Park in attendance. Janet did a great job in getting the word out for this program. The library has also continued to work with the forest preserve, which did a program at the library about bugs. Later in August, there will be a story time hike in the forests, and in September there will be a moon walk adventure program. The staff of the Children's Department continues doing outreach at local schools, and Rose is reaching out to the learning centers within the schools to learn about the resources they have. The annual Truck or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Rose has been meeting with Brookfield and La Grange Libraries to review the library cards for teachers intergovernmental agreement. She is also involved with a Banned Books Group that recently received an award from the Illinois Library Association. The Children's Department is looking to start a podcast on new titles, with help from other staff members. There were many pleasant comments from the board about how Rose has a good rapport with the community and teachers. She is truly a huge plus for our Library. Oppenheim briefly mentioned how impressed he has been with new Adult Services Assistant Nikolaj Frantisek, who he has seen dive right in to assisting patrons, some at length.
5. Introduction of Visitor(s): None
6. Public Comment: None
7. Trustee reports: President Demes-O'Brien announced that the Library received a generous donation from the Hurley family.
8. Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Consent Agenda with the suggested corrections. Motion passed with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent. Snow, Krall, Gies, and Demes-O'Brien.
  - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
  - b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of \$73,894.75
  - c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 37927-37977
9. Unfinished business:
  - a. Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Trustee Ethics Statement. Motion passed. All in favor.
  - b. Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Unattended Child policy. Motion passed. All in favor.



- c. Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Video Surveillance policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
  - d. Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve the Volunteer policy. Motion passed. All in favor.
10. New Business:
- a. Discussion of Chamber Chili Cook-off- Director Oppenheim informed the board that they are looking for a chef that could participate in the cook-off.
11. Communications: (includes emails to the board) – None.
12. No further business adjournment-Snow motioned, seconded by Krall, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.