**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, August 19, 2026 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, and Trustees Krall and Sifuentes. Absent Treasurer Hightower and Trustee Gies. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s): Rose Hopkins-LaRocco, Children's Services Director
5. Public Comment: None
6. Staff Reports: Ms. Hopkins-LaRocco told the board how great the summer reading program went this year. Patrons were involved from the very beginning until the end. She then discussed how the Children's Department has many seasonal and school outreach adventures lined up for the fall. They will be present at numerous events, including a community plant sale, a story walk campfire in the park, a chili cook-off, a pumpkin carving program, and the Haunted Trolley. She then mentioned that he Children's Department is working on a video regarding how to get a library card and working on how to do a live version of their podcast. Oppenheim informed the board that Sarah Kovac's last day at the library will be September 1, 2026. He said that the Adult Services Director job has been posted and he has reached out for extra help from Rose, Christina, and Catie. He then mentioned that the library received new book shelves in the Children's Department, which are missing the bottom shelves. He said that the library will not pay the invoice until the shelves are completed. The older book shelves are being used in the Book Shop and will eventually replace the Book Shop table in front of the Circulation Desk. Oppenheim finally informed the board of a money transfer will need to take place from Old Second Bank to Wintrust Bank and that there will be a request to move funds from Wintrust to First National Bank of Brookfield, for the Special Reserves account, at the September board meeting.
7. Trustee reports: Demes-O-Brien let the board know that the Hurley family gave the library a donation for the library to purchase written material.
8. Krall motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent. Krall, Whitman, Sifuentes, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
   a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
   b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of $51,266.56
   c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38433-38477
9. Unfinished business: None.
10. New Business:
    a. Whitman motioned, seconded by Sifuentes, to approve Strategic Planning proposal. Motion passed. All in favor.
    b. Discussion of 2027 election: The board discussed who will be running in the election and who will not. They also discussed the process of what those running have to do to appear on the ballot.
11. Communication (includes emails to the board) – None
12. No further business adjournment-Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Whitman, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.