LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, September 16, 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 Gies, Krall, and Sifuentes. Absent: Treasure Hightower. Also present were Executive Director Gabe Oppenheim and Patricia Harwood, Meeting Stenographer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Visitor(s): Amy Hernandez, Technical Services Assistant.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Staff Reports: Ms. Hernandez said that she has been with the library for 3 months and has experience in both academic and public libraries. Hernandez explained that her supervisor Diana is always there if she has a question and is good for leading her to the correct direction. She finally mentioned that she has been working on cleaning up the catalog and keeping it up to date, as she really likes keeping things in order. Oppenheim informed the board that the search for the replacement for the Adult Department is still ongoing. He is hoping to have a person in the department by November. Finally, he said that long-delayed HVAC repairs will be happening soon.
7. Trustee reports: None.
8. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
   a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
   b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of $63,243.40
   c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38478-38531
9. Unfinished business:
   a. Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Snow, to approve Ordinance 2026-03: Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Sifuentes, Snow, Krall, Gies, Whitman, Demes-O'Brien.
   b. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve the Estimate of Revenues for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Snow, Demes-O'Brien.
10. New Business:
    a. Gies motioned, seconded by Krall, to approve Resolution 2026-01R: Special Reserve Transfer. Motion passed with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent. Gies, Krall, Sifuentes, Snow, Whitman, Demes-O'Brien.
    b. Discussion of Strategic Planning: Oppenheim let the board know that board discussed dates of meetings and chose to appoint Trustees Sifuentes and Whitman as committee members. The board is looking forward to hear how the public responds to the survey.
11. Communication (includes emails to the board) – None
12. No further business adjournment-Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Gies, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm