LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, October 21, 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, Treasurer Hightower, Secretary Snow, and Trustees Gies, Krall, and Sifuentes. 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: Oppenheim explained that the library's new Adult Department Head, Veronica Villagomez, recently started work. She comes to the library with many years of experience from several different libraries, most recently including Hillside. Since she has begun, he has already received positive feedback from the public. Oppenheim went on to mention that the Trunk or Treat had an amazing turnout of over 800 people, all of whom had a good time. The line continued until after 7pm. Finally, he reported that a wild bird entered the library. Oppenheim contacted 845 Design who, in turn, contacted Leopardo Construction. Leopardo promptly sent out a drone to investigate what will be needed to rectify the issue. Trustee Gies said that Oppenheim did a great job of following up.
7. Trustee reports: Trustee Whitman had a short conversation with Ms. Villagomez and reported that she is happy to be here.
8. Gies motioned, seconded by Hightower, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Gies, Hightower, Sifuentes, Krall, Snow, Whitman, and Demes-O'Brien.
   a. Minutes of previous meeting(s)
   b. Invoices to be paid in the amount of $41,608.11
   c. Checks from Wintrust Bank numbered: 38532-38575
9. Unfinished business: None
10. New Business:
    a. Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve Resolution 2026-1R: Estimate of Funds Needed for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
    b**.** Gies motioned, seconded by Whitman, to approve Ordinance 2026-04: Tentative Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion passed with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Gies, Whitman, Sifuentes, Krall, Snow, and Demes-O'Brien.
    c. Discussion of Holiday Staff Gifts- The Board discussed holiday gifts for the staff. They are to be given out at the holiday party on December 4. Later in the month the Board will offer its annual baked potato bar.
11. Communication (includes emails to the board) – None
12. Executive Session
12. No further business adjournment-Sifuentes motioned, seconded by Gies, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm