LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Library Foundation Committee of the Board of Library Trustees of the La Grange Park Public Library District, October 21, 2026 was held at 6:15pm, at the La Grange Park Public Library, 555 N. La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

1. Trustee Krall called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Upon roll call the following were present: Vice-President Whitman and Trustees Gies and Krall
3. Public Comment: None
4. Discussion of Library Foundation

   a. The committee discussed the paperwork required to incorporate, including Articles of Incorporation under the name Foundation for the La Grange Park Library, a registered agent and registered office (Trustee Krall volunteered), a minimum of three directors to file, and a $50 filing fee. The committee also discussed obtaining an EIN and decided that attorney advisement would be helpful.

   b. The committee identified possible future board members, notably Lynn Burgess, who has nonprofit experience, and Mika, who may also assist in a legal capacity.

   c. The committee debated the order of operations and what needs to happen first, including connecting with the library's attorney or another legal professional (such as Mika) who can advise on incorporation and next steps.

   d. The committee discussed bare-bones fundraising to cover incorporation and early administrative costs, such as events and marketing. Trustee Gies shared a list of local businesses, such as Jewel and Aldi, with corporate ties, noting that only some may overlap with the foundation's cause. Trustee Whitman suggested promoting Qualified Charitable Distributions toward required minimum distributions (RMDs). The committee also discussed a possible fundraiser with Plymouth Place residents and publicity in community spaces. Trustee Whitman noted that even $1,000 from 25 people totals $25,000, and suggested asking for donations widely with targeted giving and many options.

   e. The committee reviewed branding and logo ideas and agreed to keep the design simple and visually connected to the library's existing logo. The committee also decided to keep the name simple: Foundation for the La Grange Park Library.

   f. Finally, the committee discussed next steps: securing legal representation and an insurance broker, filing Articles of Incorporation, and planning a first fundraiser.
5. No further business adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.