

The Board of Library Trustees, Lakewood, Ohio Thursday, August 13, 2020

The Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in special session via Video Conference, Lakewood, OH on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:03 P.M.

Members present: Mrs. Nancy Seibert, Mrs. Persis Sosiak, Mr. Gregory Gipson, Mrs. Tiffany Graham Charkosky, Mr. Jeffrey Endress, Mr. Scott Kermode, and Mr. Michael Artbauer.

Members excused: None.

Also present: Mr. James Crawford, and Mr. William Costello, Jr., CPA.

Mr. Crawford detailed for the Trustees the Library's continuing services to the community since the COVID-19 pandemic first presented itself in March 2020.

The Library continued to offer patrons telephone and online reference services without interruption, the only public library in Cuyahoga County to do so.

When the Library did close both buildings to the public on Sunday, March 15, 2020, it continued to offer drive-through and curbside services until 9:00 p.m., Sunday, March 22, 2020.

On Monday, March 23, 2020, the Library's leadership began planning the Library's safe re-opening.

Mr. Crawford recognized the dedication, focus and bravery of the leaders who worked to re-open the Library, specifically Suzanne Weber, Julie Strunk, Judy Grzybowski, Jody Wilkerson, Kathy Beluschak, Eve Klodnick, Andrea Fisher, and Mariana Cioboata.

Mr. Crawford also explained how Library staff continued to inform and engage community members through the Library's website and social media platform.

Also, Library staff, under the leadership of Julie Strunk, Manager of Children's and Youth Services, worked closely with area school administrators and educators to incorporate the Library's digital collections and electronic resources into the schools curricula.

Mr. Crawford also discussed Dr. Amanda Hagen's role in assisting the Library in planning and executing a safe re-opening plan. Dr.

Hagen is an expert in COVID-19 and the safe re-opening of businesses, and a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Mr. Crawford concluded by thanking staff for their service to the community and their bravery, and those Trustees who have offered support and very clear direction.

Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to Proceed in Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mrs. Graham Charkosky	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mr. Gipson	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mrs. Seibert	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mrs. Sosiak	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mr. Endress	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mr. Kermode	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent
Mr. Artbauer, President	X	Yea	<u> </u>	Nay	<u> </u>	Abstain	<u> </u>	Absent

The board returned to Regular Session at 8:53 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

President

Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2020 via Video Conference.
7:00 P.M.