

The Board of Library Trustees, Lakewood, Ohio Thursday, January 21, 2021

The Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Auditorium of the Main Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, via In-Person and Video Conference, Lakewood, OH on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:05 P.M.

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

Members excused: None.

Also present: Mr. James Crawford and Mr. William Costello, Jr., CPA; Judy Grzybowski, Manager of the Madison Branch; Julie Strunk, Manager of Children's and Youth Services; Suzanne Weber, Manager of Public Services; Jody Wilkerson, Manager of Administration and Emily Lindberg, public.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mrs. Graham Charkosky, approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2020.

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Graham Charkosky, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Endress, and Mr. Artbauer.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Business Management and Finance

Mr. Gipson will draft language for the Rules for the government of the Board of Library Trustees Policy for the next Board meeting.

Building and Supplies

Mr. Artbauer gave an update on the Madison Branch Renovation project. Currently under review is the best option to handle the asbestos found under the flooring on the first floor. The options being examined are encapsulation and or removal.

Collections and Gifts

Motion by Mrs. Graham Charkosky, seconded by Mr. Endress, that the following gifts be accepted and gratefully acknowledged:

Lakewood Public Library Gifts Received:

12/15/20 - \$20,000.00 Joan Alice Ford

12/15/20 - \$ 7,000.00 James and Alice Mecredy Charitable Trust

Lakewood Public Library Foundation Gifts Received:

None

Lakewood Public Library Foundation (Madison Branch Library Project):

12/11/20 - \$250.00 Tiffany Graham Charkosky

12/16/20 - \$ 20.00 Jack Vrnak

12/16/20 - \$100.00 Mary Myer

12/17/20 - \$ 10.00 Kelsey Foster

12/19/20 - \$ 50.00 Curtis Clark

12/20/20 - \$ 50.00 Joan Tropf

12/30/20 - \$250.00 Dr. and Mrs. Palomaki

Lakewood Public Library Friends Gifts Received:

12/18/20 - \$100.00 David Kachadourian

Personnel

No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Crawford shared a thank you email from Eve Klodnick.

Mr. Crawford shared an email from Kathy Beluschak thanking Mr. Crawford and the Board of Trustees for her raise.

Mr. Crawford shared a thank you email from Kate Brennan MacGregor.

Mr. Crawford shared a thank you card from Jody Wilkerson and Kathy Beluschak.

Mr. Crawford stated that he is proud of the Lakewood Public Library staff and all the safety precautions that have been implemented. Mr. Crawford is also proud that the Lakewood Public Library has stuck to its core mission.

Mr. Crawford stated that although there will be no in-person programming in 2021, there is an emphasis on virtual programs and especially virtual programs with local authors.

Mr. Artbauer shared that the Art Interprets Alzheimer's exhibit was both powerful and moving.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board of Trustees that there is no immediate plans to extend hours and or days.

Mr. Crawford shared that there has been no COVID-19 cases traced by to the Lakewood Public Library or employees as of yet.

Public Comments

Emily Lindberg addressed the Board of Trustees with the following comments:

- That she, Emily Lindberg, proposed to the Board that the application process for the Board of Trustees be more transparent.
- She, Emily Lindberg, is disappointed with the online programming of the Lakewood Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mrs. Seibert, to Approve Re-Electing Mr. Artbauer as Board President, Mrs. Graham Charkosky as Board Vice President and Mr. Endress as Board Secretary.

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mrs. Graham Charkosky	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mr. Gipson	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mrs. Seibert	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mrs. Sosiak	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mr. Endress	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mr. Kermode	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent
Mr. Artbauer, President	X	Yea	___	Nay	___	Abstain	___	Absent

The President declared the motion carried.

Standing Committee Appointments by Board President:

Business Management and Finance Committee

Mrs. Sosiak, Chair

Mr. Gipson, Member

Building and Supplies Committee

Mr. Endress, Chair

Mrs. Seibert, Member

Collections and Gifts Committee

Mrs. Graham Charkosky, Chair

Mrs. Sosiak, Member

Personnel Committee

Mrs. Seibert, Chair

Mr. Kermode, Member

Audit Committee (Committee of the Whole)

Mr. Kermode, Chair

Mr. Gipson, Member

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OLD BUSINESS

No report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

President

Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021 via In-Person and Video Conference.

7:00 P.M.