

**FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees - Regular Session**  
August 15, 2024

**Trustees Present:** Teresa Haggstad, Lanning Nicoloff, Jackie Dickow, Kelly Johnson, Sheri Klindera, Sue Sevedge, Darci Waltrip.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Sarah K. Flanagan, Library Director; Juan Martinez, Assistant Library Director.

**Call to Order:** At 7:10pm, Board President Teresa Haggstad called the Meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Haggstad requested a motion to approve the July 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Mrs. Dickow so made the motion and Mrs. Sevedge seconded. Motion carried.

**Finances:** The August 2024 Vendors' List was presented, with twice the Hoopla bill as they hadn't received our last payment. Along with our EBSCO periodicals renewal, they offer online databases for public libraries; we will sign up for and post these links on our website soon. Discovery Center's Starlight Lab, and Dreams Come True Events LLC, which is run by patron Rachael Swinson, who is featured as Princess Story Time, are also on the list. All of our other bills were usual. A motion was made by Mrs. Dickow and seconded by Mrs. Sevedge to approve the Vendors' lists for July 2024. Motion carried.

The Monthly Financial Report for June was presented, showing expenditures only. Our first Tax Distribution Summary, \$359,217.46, was received, some of which could go into a certificate of deposit, as we could get a rate of 4.25% through Central Bank Illinois. The Yearly Financial Report was also presented, with all the fund balances listed at the bottom.

**Unfinished Business:** A sketch of new mural concept was shown to the Board, as the old one has copyright issues, as we'd need to get permission to use every single book character desired. Keeping the tree garden theme, the artist would incorporate elements of Miss Connie into the mural -- including gnomes, pumpkins, ballgames at University of Illinois, bookworms, books as steps, St. Bernard dogs, the EIU panther mascot, mushroom gnome houses, fish, and hummingbirds -- all of which remind us of her in some way.

**Recognition of Visitors:** None.

**New Business:** The Annual Secretary's Audit is ready to go and will need to be viewed and signed by two Board members. Mrs. Haggstad and Mrs. Sevedge will do so. Our IPLAR report will be due on September 1st. Sarah is working on that and will turn it in before she leaves on vacation.

The Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 steam locomotive will be making a stop in Rochelle at the UP Global III facility, arriving on Friday, Sept. 7th, open to UP workers and their families on Saturday, Sept. 8th, and open for public viewing on Sunday, Sept. 9th. On Monday, there would be a whistle stop visit at the Rail Park from 8:45 AM to 9 AM. Sarah had asked the Board what the library should do for that weekend, as the last time the train came had come to town was on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 and thousands of people were at the Rail Park. The City of Rochelle estimates that 20-30 thousand people would come to town for the event that Sunday but the train would not stop at the Rail Park, which will have activities there; the City would also have activities at Cypress House and Kennay Distillery with shuttle services to and from each location but not to the train itself, to prevent loitering around it per UP's request. Since the train and Big

Boy activities would be at Global III and other locations, but not necessarily downtown near us, the Board decided not to have the library open that Sunday.

**Librarian's Report:** We're all proud of the staff for all their hard work this summer for our Summer Reading program. For our End of Summer party, we had a foam party master from Foam Party All Stars shoot foam at all the kids within a 20-foot play area; it was well-attended and well-received. Our annual book sale was set up by Anne and will run from 10 AM – 4 PM on Saturday, August 17th and all of next week during regular business hours. We were a part of National (Police) Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th, where we featured a Smokey The Bear game and a card for his 80th birthday. Miss Sarah and the Rochelle Rotary will have a ribbon cutting ceremony next to our new Pollinator Garden by the bookdrop right before the book sale. Our theme for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival parade is the '70s. IPLAR will be due on September 1st. Staff meeting was held on 8/14. Miss Sarah was featured on one of photographer Danny Williams' YouTube channels called Passion Project, where he interviews local people who are passionate about something. Jeff Helfrich dropped off new Rochelle News-Leader bound newspaper books from 2019-2023 to add to our collection. The library will be teaming up with the Senior Center for their Oktoberfest party on Thursday, October 10th from 4-7 PM featuring the Mike Schneider Polka Band.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Waltrip and seconded by Mrs. Klindera to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Juan Martinez

Recording Secretary

Approved: 09/19/2024