

FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board of Trustees - Regular Session
March 20, 2025

Trustees Present: Lanning Nicoloff (arrived 7:15pm), Jackie Dickow, Sheri Klindera, Sue Sevedge, Darci Waltrip.

Absent: Teresa Haggstad, Kelly Johnson.

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

Call to Order: At 7:06pm, as there was no word whether or not Mr. Nicoloff would be attending and he hadn't yet arrived, Jackie Dickow called the Regular Meeting to order.

Minutes: Mrs. Dickow requested a motion to approve the February 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Ms. Waltrip so made the motion and Mrs. Klindera seconded. Motion carried.

Finances: The March 2025 Vendors' Lists was presented, with two additions. The insurance bill premium was added and a check to Eric Livingston was made as it had snowed today! The application for the library's new The Illinois Funds account was sent out; \$15,000 from Holcomb State Bank would initially be deposited into this account after Sarah transfers the money into the Stillman General Fund, along with \$60,000 from First State Bank to cover bills as they total more than \$40,000 this month. A motion was made by Mrs. Sevedge and seconded by Mrs. Klindera to approve the Vendor's list. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

Recognition of Visitors: None.

New Business: Our library building insurance comes out to \$12,949.00 as we had locked in a three year agreement; this is sure to rise when a new agreement is reached. With Directors & Officers, it comes to \$16,582.00, which we've paid. Fun fact: our General Liability Insurance for the building extends to a 100-ft radius.

Other: At the Staff Meeting, they had discussed the possible Federal Budget cuts as the Federal Museum and Library Grants funding were abruptly cut last Friday; affecting 75 people and amounting to only 0.0003% of the total budget. It would affect us with our access to Access 360 and eBooks, Summer Reading Programs, Per Capita Grants, Fiber, and E-RATE, which is based on our community's 90% free and reduced lunch rating. E-RATE pays so that we only pay Comcast \$50/month for internet. Without that, it would be \$500+/month. Talking Books would also be affected, which Lincoln Manor and Liberty Village, among others, use as a source for audiobooks, braille services, and macular degeneration player devices and USB cassettes. While we are in the best financial shape in our history, we will be okay but may have to consider cutting cool programming for the next few years.

Librarian's Report: The library is your Spring Break Staycation Destination, with Donuts and a Movie on Monday, a tiny art, food, and mixed media art workshop on Tuesday, Storytimes and Coloring on Wednesday, The Lightbeam Players performing The Cowardly Lion show on Thursday, and a showing of the movie Wicked, along with a pizza party on Friday. Summer Reading theme will be Leveling Up at the Library with videogames and Dragon wrapped around books. Magazines have been shifted. At the Staff Meeting, they've started setting up new Goals, Tasks, and Assignments for our new five-year plan in a world with potential budget cuts. The Adult Social Services Handbook is being updated and will include homeschooling options

online. If social counselors and Head Start were to be cut or affected, we could step in and offer a third space for preschool and their services. We are also exploring new technologies and community offerings for checkout, such as hotspots, tablets, and passes to such venues as museums (Burpee, etc.), Spring Lake, and Brookfield Zoo. Laura Babula at Sikich helped Sarah and Juan with the financial reports. The Rochelle Area Community Foundation will award recipients, 40 grants so far to be considered, in April.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Waltrip and seconded by Mrs. Klindera to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Juan Martinez

Recording Secretary

Approved: 4/17/2025