

**FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

**Board of Trustees - Regular Session**

May 15, 2025

**Trustees Present:** Teresa Haggstad, Lanning Nicoloff, Jackie Dickow (via Zoom), Sheri Klindera, Sue Sevedge, Darci Waltrip.

**Absent:** Kelly Johnson.

**Also Present:** Sarah K. Flanagan, Library Director; Juan Martinez, Assistant Library Director; Faten Abdallah, Prospective Trustee.

**Call to Order:** At 7:04pm, Mrs. Haggstad called the Regular Meeting to order.

**Election of Officers:** Mrs. Haggstad, Mr. Nicoloff, and Ms. Waltrip had won their elections for their positions and were certified while Mrs. Dickow, Mrs. Klindera, and Mrs. Abdallah were hereby appointed to theirs; a motion to do so was so made by Mr. Nicoloff and seconded by Mrs. Haggstad. Motion carried. Documents attesting to the elections were signed; due to the weather, Mrs. Dickow will come in to sign hers. The Official Record of Elections was finally received and passed out and the Oaths for Library Trustees were then administered.

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

**Finances:** The May 2025 Vendors' Lists was presented, with payments set for Elijah Botts and the LightBeam Players Theatre, Entré for two months' worth of service, Sikich for the rest of the audit, Shaw Media for Dixon Evening Telegraph, and to Vicki's Baked Goods for Summer Reading Kickoff dragon themed cookies. A motion was made by Mr. Nicoloff and seconded by Mrs. Klindera to approve the Vendor's list. Motion carried.

April Financials were presented, with Laura Babula at Sikich having gone over the numbers to make sure that they were correct.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Recognition of Visitors:** None.

**New Business:** For the Summer Reading flier, the library is employing a QR Code for patrons to download it, as it is seven pages. But they can also pick up copies at the library. The return of Book Bucks! As well as a new K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Dragons with Friends trading card sets will be given to kids who meet their reading goals. Summer Programs in June begin with Homegrown Healthy for adults on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. LEGO club, Lighthouse Players, Pokémon Fan Club, Art & Chill for older kids, outdoor movie night featuring Jumanji (1995), Rochelle Park District offering games to play free of charge, Musical Theater Dance, Art workshop, Summer Thrills teen book club, and a Talent Show are some of the programs for this month along with the regular programming. In July, a Comic Workshop, Library Theatre Camp, Star Weaving workshop, Play In 90 Minutes, and Rochelle Trivia with the Flagg Twp Museum are also added to the mix. The library will be at Cypress House and the outdoor movie will be Sonic 3. In August, the End of Summer Party will feature the popular FOAM BLASTER!

Board Meeting dates will be set next month; third Thursday of the month seems to work well, so no changes to that. For our Committees, there are spaces available as Kelly Johnson is no longer on the Board. Since no one was interested in switching Committees, everyone remained

on their respective spots and Mrs. Abdallah would take over Mrs. Johnson's positions. A motion to formalize this was made by Ms. Waltrip and seconded by Mrs. Sevedge. Motion carried.

The Non-Resident Fee Ordinance was discussed. After using Census and other data, the average cost came out to \$125.40; some thought \$125 was close enough while others thought \$130. After discussion, it was agreed that \$126 would be the non-resident fee for the new fiscal year. A motion was made by Mrs. Dickow and seconded by Mr. Nicoloff. Motion carried. The Personnel Committee Meeting would be held one hour before the Regular Meeting next month.

**Librarian's Report:** Fliers were sent to the schools for Summer Reading. We received a grant from the Rochelle Area Community Foundation for our sensory thingamajig boards. We received our Tonies boxes to add to our children's multimedia section; figures such as Pete The Cat, Snoop Dogg, Angelina Balerina, and more are placed atop the box and it plays songs, stories, and more according to the character featured. PrairieCat Delegates meeting was attended by Sarah in Mendota on April 30<sup>th</sup>; she learned more about a PrairieCat app that has been in development and is now looking for volunteer libraries to test it. Gene Chaplin presented us with a flag that had been flown over the Capitol in D.C. Our flag pole now has a light on it so that people can see the flag flown at night. Our air handler was vandalized and we notified Rochelle Police; Helm was called in to fix the issue at a cost of \$440.00.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Nicoloff and seconded by Mrs. Sevedge to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Juan Martinez

Recording Secretary

Approved: 6/19/2025