

Golden Prairie Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Immediately following the GPPLD Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Meeting (which began at 5:00pm)

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
President Novosad called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Trustees Present: Ary Anderson, Stephen Peterson, Jim Russell, Patti Salch, Kathy Vroman, Stephanie Walden, Ruth Novosad

Others Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Absent: None
- III. Introductions
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
- V. President's Report
President Novosad updated the Board on the annexations, sharing that Attorney Robert Porter filed a brief on March 9th. Responses from the other parties are due on April 17th. McLean County is the only party that has filed a notice of appearance. They have indicated that they are neutral at this time. The next hearing is scheduled for April 24th.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
A. February 15, 2023:
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
- VII. Staff Reports
A. Director's Report: Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director, shared an update on the Library Expansion and Renovation project. The Bloomington Public Library Board approved furniture bids at their February meeting. Many of the GPPLD Board members have taken the opportunity to receive tours of the construction progress. Jeanne also shared that we have hired an administrative assistant and she will start on April 3rd.

B. Circulation and Outreach Report: Jeanne shared Colleen Shaw, Circulation and Outreach Manager's report. The first Deer Ridge (in GPPLD) stop is off to a great start; we had 19 visitors. Board members also pointed out Freedom Oil made the Top 10 stops in terms of Circulation.

C. Financial Report: Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, shared the Financial Report. Expenditures and revenues through the end of February should be at 67%.
- VIII. Unfinished Business
A. Update on Annexations:
President Novosad shared the update during her President's report.
- IX. New Business

A. Approve Annual Amount to Set Aside for Capital Projects

There was some discussion explaining why and how capital funds are earmarked. Kathy Jeakins reported that there was \$3,823 in unspent funds at the end of FY22. The Board came to the consensus that they would like to earmark this full amount for capital projects.
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KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, RUTH NOVOSAD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Approve 2023 Summer Reading Donation

It was shared that GPPLD donated \$3,000 to the Summer Reading Program in 2022. If a donation is made to the 2023 program, it will be from the miscellaneous budget line item.

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C. Report on Bloomington Public Library Board 3P's Meeting

Jim Russell shared that he attended the Bloomington Public Library Board 3P's meeting. He shared the proposed changes to the BPL Strategic Plan. He shared that the committee plans to further discuss goals for the upcoming year at the April Board meeting. He also shared that the committee plans to work on a full strategic plan process in a few years. Jim shared that he hopes that GPPLD will consider their own Mission and Vision Statement, and possibly some goals, that reflect work on the diversity of the GPPLD district, all of which should complement BPL. There was some discussion about the opportunities to better serve Dale and Arrowsmith Townships.

X. Comments from Board Trustees

Ary Anderson shared the Bloomington Public Library and Normal Public Library are hosting a Pins and Needles Fiber Arts Festival on March 18th.

XI. Reminder

A. File Your Economic Statement of Interest

Ruth shared that the notice to file is behind, but the actual form is available online. Those who filed Economic Statement of Interests for their candidacy still have to complete this form again.

B. Next Board Meeting is April 19, 2023

XII. Adjournment

President Novosad adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.