

Fremont Public Library District  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
February 17, 2022

1. Call to Order  
President Hoenig called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Library Trustees for the Fremont Public Library District at 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll call:  
Trustees Present: Jay Kasten, Laurie MacKay, Jodie Nalezny, Brenda Pathmann, Amber Reid-Schwenk, Sharon Smogor and Steve Hoenig.  
Also Present: Scott Davis, Library Director; Becky Ingram, Assistant Director
3. Approve Agenda – Pathmann made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Reid-Schwenk. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Correspondence:
  - 5.1 Secretary of State’s office unveiled new library service population map that shows all locations in the either state covered or not covered by library service. This map also provides census information for each library district. FPLD’s new population count went up 3.45% to 38,792, an increase of 1,293 residents. Davis reported that it is still not clear if this data can be considered the library’s “official” census figure.
  - 5.2 Utility purchasing cooperative manager Entel reported a rate change from ComEd effective February 1.
  - 5.3 Reward certificate from Costco was received for \$48.55.
  - 5.4 CCS sent the library its share of the annual grant received from RAILS for automated catalog support in a check for \$1,378.99.
  - 5.5 Village of Mundelein provided the Library with \$25,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds they received from the federal government. The funds are earmarked to pay for the drive-up window renovation.
  - 5.6 DCEO sent notice of the Library being selected for the next stage in the grant approval process for capital improvement funds of \$139,000 as written into law in the 2019 Build Illinois Capital Plan.
6. Secretary’s Report
  - 6.1 Pathmann made a motion to approve minutes of regular monthly meeting of January 20, 2022; seconded by Kasten. A numbering error in the sequence of agenda numbering was noted. The motion passed by voice vote, as corrected.
7. Treasurer’s Report
  - 7.1 Presentation of monthly Finance Report for January 2022. Davis noted that the electric bill was unusually high, not just in cost but kWhs used. Davis stated he did not know if there is a problem or if the usage is explainable. The sidewalk ice melt system will be looked at as a potential source of high energy use, especially since there are still problems with its performance.
  - 7.2 MacKay made a motion to approve lists of Checks, payment of bills and salaries, and transfers for February 2022; seconded by Smogor. The roll was called:  
Yes: Kasten, MacKay, Nalezny, Pathmann, Reid-Schwenk, Smogor and Hoenig  
The motion passed.
8. Committee Reports
  - 8.1 Finance Committee – no report
  - 8.2 Personnel Committee – no report
  - 8.3 Physical Facilities Committee – no report
  - 8.4 Policy and Planning Committee report – a meeting was set for February 28 at 6:00 p.m.
9. President’s Report – no report
10. Director’s Report
  - 10.1 Davis gave an update on library operations as the Governor’s mask order is set to expire. He believes taking the route of making masks optional for staff and public will make things will go very smoothly. Staff understand what is expected of them and what to generally expect from the public.
  - 10.2 Davis gave an update on repairs projects currently under way. The parking lot lamp post was replaced; chiller repairs start in two weeks; recent elevator repair may have revealed additional cabling to be replaced; fire alarm technician said the main panel needs to be replaced - it was already in line for

replacement next fiscal year; Davis is assisting an auditing firm that is reviewing the work done by the architect on the lighting project so that they may obtain federal tax credits that the library is not eligible to receive. Davis also mentioned a new part time employee was hired in Facilities replacing one that left. Kasten mentioned he saw a damaged bathroom stall door in the public men's room.

10.3 Drive-up window components have started to arrive. The installation should take place soon.

10.4 Davis reviewed proposed legislation that ILA is currently monitoring and reported that he asked ILA to consider taking proactive steps to protect libraries and librarians throughout the state from the types of legislation being introduced in statehouses around the country.

10.5 Only three of the six State Representatives and Senators who serve FPLD residents have committed to attending the ILA Legislative Meet-Up on President's Day.

11. Other Business - none

12. Adjournment

12.1 Hoenig made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kasten. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved 3/17/2022

/s/ Brenda Pathmann, Secretary