

Fremont Public Library District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 18, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

President Mallquist called to order the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Library Trustees for the Fremont Public Library District at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday April 18, 2019.

2.0 Roll Call

Trustees Present: Steve Hoenig, Carol Mallquist, Tony Vasquez, Terri Voss, Terry Wood.

Absent: Jenny Ross

Also Present: Scott Davis; Director, and Becky Ingram; Asst. Director

Trustee Marla Wolf arrived at 7:10 pm.

3.0 Approve Agenda

Trustee Vasquez made a motion to approve the agenda for the Fremont Public Library monthly Board meeting dated April 18, 2019 seconded by Trustee Hoenig. The motion passed by voice vote.

4.0 Concerns of the Public

Illinois State Representative Dan Didech stopped in to introduce himself to the Board and express his support for public libraries.

5.0 Correspondence

1. Received notification from the Dept. of Labor that the prevailing wages for Lake County have been modified once again.
2. Received annual schedule for the 2018 property tax distributions from the Lake County Treasurer's office.
3. IUPC utility purchasing cooperative recommends budgeting 0-5 % more for gas and 2-3% more for electricity costs for FY 2019-20.
4. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) preliminary rate is estimated at 10.73% for calendar year 2020.
5. Received a check from the State of IL for \$42.26 from the LCD antitrust settlement the Library filed several years ago.
6. Informed of a class action lawsuit against Visa and MasterCard. The lawsuit is about claims that merchants paid excessive fees to accept Visa and MasterCard.

6.0 Secretary's Report

6.1 Trustee Voss made a motion to approve minutes of regular monthly Board meeting of March 21, 2019 seconded by Trustee Wood. The motion passed by voice vote.

7.0 Finance / Treasurer's Report

7.1 Trustee Hoenig presented the Finance Report for March 2019 for review and it will be placed on file for audit. Trustee Hoenig reviewed the balance sheet. The continuing education budget line was discussed.

7.2 Trustee Hoenig made a motion to approve Lists of Checks for April 2019 and to authorize the payment of bills and salaries, and to make transfers seconded by Trustee Vasquez. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Yes: Mallquist, Hoenig, Wood, Voss, Vasquez

Absent: Wolf and Ross

7.3 The Finance Committee met on April 17 to discuss the audit service proposals received, in order to bring a recommendation to the Board. Coming from Committee Trustee Hoenig made a motion to retain McClure Insera for the upcoming year. After much discussion the vote was called and the motion did not pass.

Yes: Mallquist, Hoenig, and Wood

No: Voss, Vasquez and Wolf
Absent: Ross

The Board has requested a 5 year proposal from McClure Inserra for equal comparison to the other firms under consideration. A decision on audit firms will be made next month.

7.4 Director Davis reported that the levy request for funds to be spent next fiscal year has been certified by the county at \$4,310,936. A preliminary budget for FY19-20 will be presented next month.

8.0 Policy / Planning – No report

9.0 Personnel

9.1. Personnel changes: Adult Services Dept. Maggie Ryan will be retiring at the end of the month and will be replaced by Adult Services Librarian Margaret Kulis. Part time para-professional Nikki Camp will be promoted to Librarian to replace Margaret Kulis. PR Coordinator Devin de Lima has resigned to move into a management position at another library. Wendy Harris in Tech Services is also retiring. Bridget McCarthy will be moving into Wendy's position.

The new minimum wage will take effect in January 2020 which is going to affect pay wages for lower tier positions. Consideration will be given to how these positions will be structured in the future.

10.0 Physical Facilities

10.1 The lighting project's preliminary timetable to start work is February 17, 2020.

11.0 Board Presidents Report

The AARP tax service people enjoyed working at the Library. Election judges also gave the Library high marks.

11.1 Trustee Wolf reported on the Friends recent book sale. The Friends/Foundation will soon accept donations on the Library's website using AmazonSmile or Little Green Light.

12.0 Library Director's Report

A developer is suing the Village of Mundelein over rejection of senior housing plan. They also requested that the Library void its developer donation agreement for that same property.

Chief County Assessor Marty Paulsen has retired.

The Library was invited by the village of Mundelein to partner with other local units of government in promoting a complete census count.

Mundelein High School has contacted key stakeholders (such as the Library) in the community to make sure the high school is an equitable organization.

13.0 Adjournment

Trustee Vasquez made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. seconded by Trustee Hoenig. The motion passed.

Approved 05/16/19

/s/Jenny B. Ross, Secretary