

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:32 p.m. by President Augle. Cooper, Christianson, Miller, Green, Gipson, and Director Komala present. Bunton absent.

INPUT FROM CITIZENS – Bridgett Kaiser, Adult and Technical Services Manager, and Kelly Johnson, Youth Services Manager, were present. Theresa Meshes, candidate on the April 2025 consolidated election ballot, was present to observe the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS – All correspondence discussed.

1. ATLAS Library Trustee Workshop - Any trustee wanting to attend should contact Komala. Komala also noted the deadline to register for the LACONI Annual Trustee Banquet is May 10, 2025.
2. Northwest Herald: McHenry County among fastest growing Dolly Parton Imagination Library participants in Illinois – United Way of Greater McHenry County received a donation to help fund the program in the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Items to be included in Consent Agenda
 - a. Treasurer's Report Including Transfer of Funds Totaling \$41,000 for March Bills and Two Payrolls
 - b. Minutes from the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- 2) Consent Agenda Approval (voice vote) – Cooper moved to approve. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Bunton absent.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1) Trustee Liaisons – Augle noted that the Library received a check from Friends of the Library for the community summer reading picnic. Komala relayed the staff's appreciation of the pizza parties the board provided for National Library Week. Cooper came in on National Library Worker Day with a few treats for the staff.
- 2) Library Director + District Calendar – Komala thanked Green for her time serving on the board.
- 3) Youth Services – Komala noted the spring break programs offered were very popular with long wait lists. Johnson commented the new Youth Services Clerk, Alyssa Klusek, started on March 31 and that her training is going well. Johnson mentioned the resignation of Youth Services programmer Jamie Dimmick. Applications are being accepted for the open position.
- 4) Adult Services – Trustees loved all the new pictures in the report.
- 5) IT Services
- 6) Mobile App

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (all possible action items)

- 1) 2025 Statements of Economic Interests – Komala noted that all trustees have completed their Statements of Economic Interests.
- 2) 2025 Consolidated Election: Officer Nominations – Komala noted that the results of the Consolidated Election will not be certified until April 22, 2025. All elected or re-elected trustees will be sworn in at the May 20, 2025 meeting. Cooper will be sworn in beforehand as she will not be at the May meeting. Trustees discussed officer positions.
- 3) March 14, 2025, Executive Order re: IMLS – Komala provided the board with many articles and letters in support of the IMLS. Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias's letter provided a link to contact lawmakers to urge them to restore IMLS funding. Komala will continue to send updates.

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NEW BUSINESS (all possible action items)

- 1) Library Advocacy: Urban Libraries Council Handout – Komala noted this is a good resource to advocate for libraries.
- 2) Tax Computation Report – Komala presented the report to the board and highlighted the 2024 tax dollars the library will collect in 2025. She also noted the new tax rate that will be used to calculate Non-Resident Card fees
- 3) Non-Resident Library Cards Policy: Annual Tax Rate Updated – Gipson moved to approve. Christianson seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Bunton absent.
- 4) DRAFT Regular Board Meeting Dates 2025-2026 – Komala noted all proposed regular board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. There are no regular board meetings in December 2025 and July 2026. The regular board meeting dates 2025-2026 will be on the May 20, 2025 regular meeting consent agenda.
- 5) DRAFT Holidays and Closings 2025-2026 – Komala proposed two additional Library closings: July 26, 2025 for the community summer reading picnic, as previously discussed with the board, and January 10, 2026 for staff development + appreciation event (combining two events into one single closing). The holiday closings and late openings 2025-2026 will be on the May 20, 2025 regular meeting consent agenda.
- 6) DRAFT Bylaws Revisions – Komala highlighted areas in the Bylaws that need consideration. Komala wishes to reorder the sections for better flow. Komala and Gipson will work to have a draft of the Bylaws for the May 20, 2025 meeting.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – Miller, referring to the Urban Libraries Council Handout, questioned what Fox River Grove community needs are not being met and how the Library can help. Trustees all agreed community rooms and/or meeting spaces are needed especially with the closing of Panera. Green recently emailed Komala about the Library becoming a drop-off collection site for the Cary-Grove Food Pantry. Augle thanked Green for serving as a trustee. Miller noted the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Any elected or re-elected trustees who have not yet taken the oath of office will be sworn in that evening.

ADJOURNMENT - Cooper moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Gipson seconded. All in favor. All ayes. Bunton absent.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Augle, President

Stephen Miller, Secretary