

The Board of Library Trustees, Lakewood, Ohio Thursday, June 13, 2024

The Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Board Room of the Main Library, 15425 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Mrs. Persis Sosiak, Mrs. Nancy Seibert, Mr. Gregory Gipson, Mr. Michael Artbauer, Mr. Jeffrey Endress, and Mr. Scott Kermodé.

Members excused: Mrs. April Hoy and Mr. William Costello, Jr., Fiscal Officer, CPA.

Also present: Mr. James Crawford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Endress, to approve the Agenda for June 13, 2024.

Yeas: Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermodé, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Stephanie Flash thanking the Library for its participation in Downtown Lakewood's Second Annual Spring Stroll.

Communication to Kate McGregor from the students at Hayes AM Preschool thanking the Library for hosting their visit to the Main Library.

Communication to Kelli Freed from the students at Hayes PM Preschool thanking the Library for hosting their visit to the Main Library.

Communications from the students at Roosevelt elementary thanking the Library for hosting their visit to the Madison Branch.

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Communications from a Library patron expressing his disappointment that the Library's Reed Thomason murals are not more prominently displayed, featured or showcased.

Communication from a Library patron expressing his frustration with the Library's King Kong bus wrap advertising. The King Kong bus wrap envelopes an entire RTA bus, including the windows, and it is difficult for passengers to see out the windows when looking for their stop, especially at night.

Communications from the late Herbert Gold's four surviving children, Dr. Ann Gold Buscho, Nina Gold, Ethan Gold and Ari Gold, thanking the Library for its expressions of sympathy and for honoring their father. The family donated to the Library their father's personal copies of his books, all of which are being added to the Library's circulating collections.

Communication to Jody Wilkerson from Bailey Culp, Special Projects Advisor, Office of Senator Nickie J. Antonio, advising of the status of the Library's application for a capital grant.

Communication to Suzanne Weber from the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service Administration reporting that the grant application Mrs. Weber submitted on behalf of the Library was favorably reviewed and that the Library is awarded \$459,603 in funding for eligible IT expenses.

Communication from Albanian filmmaker, Robert Budina, granting the Library permission to screen his film, A Shelter Among the Clouds, and wishing the Library "great success with this beautiful initiative to promote cultural understanding and appreciation."

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Artbauer, seconded by Mr. Kermode, approval of the minutes as Amended of the regular meeting of May 9, 2024.

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Artbauer, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: Mrs. Sosiak.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

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OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Kermode and Mrs. Sosiak acknowledged the excellent work of Jody, Wilkerson, Manager of Administration Services, in managing the Library's health insurance and property and casualty insurance.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

Mr. Crawford presented the April financial report and bills paid on behalf of Mr. Costello.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Business Management and Finance

No report.

Building and Supplies

Mr. Artbauer reported that a revised proposal for the roof replacement at the Main Library was received from Duro-Last and Damschroder Roofing.

The revised proposal, which will be approved and signed once the Library receives notice if it received a State of Ohio capital grant, addresses the two problem areas in the existing roof, sectors two and six. Both sectors will have the existing EPDM roof torn-off out of an abundance of caution.

The roof replacement project will be completed this year and every effort will be made to minimize disruption to the Library's orderly operations and inconvenience to Library patrons and staff.

Collections and Gifts

Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to accept and gratefully acknowledge gifts received:

Lakewood Public Library Gifts Received:

05/03/24 - \$50.00 Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA
05/13/24 - \$10.00 Anonymous
05/14/24 - \$ 5.00 Anonymous

Lakewood Public Library Foundation Received:

None.

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Lakewood Public Library Friends Gifts Received:

None.

Yeas: Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermode, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to acknowledge personnel changes:

Appointments:

None.

Resignations/Retirements/Separations/Terminations:

05/25/24 - Flood, Isabelle, Clerk, Public Services

Yeas: Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermode, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Kermode reported that the Library's eligibility for an agreed upon audit speaks to the excellent of the Library's Fiscal Officer, William R. Costello, Jr., CPA. The audit is underway.

Public Comments

No comments.

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OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Artbauer, to Recommend Mrs. Sosiak to the Lakewood City Schools Board of Education for Re-Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mr. Artbauer	X Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	___ Absent
Mr. Endress	X Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	___ Absent
Mr. Gipson	X Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	___ Absent
Mr. Kermode	X Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	___ Absent
Mrs. Hoy	___ Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	X Absent
Mrs. Seibert	X Yea	___ Nay	___ Abstain	___ Absent
Mrs. Sosiak	___ Yea	___ Nay	X Abstain	___ Absent

President

The Vice President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

President

Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting:
Thursday, September 12, 2024
7:00 P.M.

