

FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Flossmoor Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Natasha Bergeron.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustees Natasha Bergeron, Karen Cheung, Shekika Daggett, Leilani Shute, Lisa Komorowski, Jessica Barnes, and Christina Roberts. Also present were Director Jamie Paicely, Operations Manager Leann Fischer, Administrative Assistant Kathy Thompson, Flossmoor Library staff members Janet DiCastro, Jenny Lucas, David Martin, and Laura Sonnek.

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comment

No visitors

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Christina Roberts and seconded by Lisa Komorowski to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All trustees present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills

The Treasurer's Report for September 2024 was presented to the Board. Revenues and expenditures were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Lisa Komorowski to approve the bills for September 2024 in the amount of \$37,794.07. Motion seconded by Jessica Barnes. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Leilani Shute to ratify the payroll for August 2024 in the amount of \$59,682.46. Motion seconded by Shekika Daggett. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Director's Report

Ms. Paicely reviewed important dates for the upcoming 2025 Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025. Seats held by Trustees Natasha Bergeron, Karen Cheung and Shekika Daggett will be on the ballot. Ms. Cheung and Ms. Daggett stated that they will not be seeking re-election.

Ms. Paicely made the board aware of a plan by the Village of Flossmoor for re-modelling of the downtown area to make it more pedestrian friendly. The front (south) side of the library closest to the street will be effected by this plan. Ms. Paicely will have more details on the plan at a future board meeting.

Ms. Paicely turned the floor over to the library department managers for updates.

Adult Services: David Martin

Mr. Martin and the Adult Services department have been very involved in helping to commemorate the Village of Flossmoor 100th Anniversary. This includes the publication on the library website of seven articles (with more to come) about Flossmoor Village History. Mr. Martin assisted the Foundation for the Preservation of Flossmoor History with research, organization and presentation of information at the Flossmoor Community House. This event was attended by approximately 150 people. A 1924 Book Club was formed for the summer featuring books from that era. In October, an after-hours special event will be held themed on the year 1924. It will feature a 1920s trivia contents and costume party. The event will include food and beverages.

Students have returned to the library during after school hours. LaTreece Nelson is continuing as the after-school security monitor and Dos Adams continues to provide evening supervision. The first few weeks of the school year have focused on establishing expectations and awareness of consequences for inappropriate library behavior.

The Illinois State Library has made available to all Illinois libraries an e-resource package providing free access to databases that Flossmoor Library had been paying for. This has freed up money in the budget for the purchase of other databases. Mr. Martin is researching this.

The Coffee and Conversation Book Club has closed due to poor attendance, but two other book clubs have been created in its place. One of the clubs meets in the afternoon and one meets in the evening. An additional computer class has been added on Saturday mornings. It is designed to teach more advanced skills.

A Blu Ray collection and a Spanish Language print collection have been added to our circulating materials.

Patron and Technical Services: Laura Sonnek

A Local Authors collection has been created. "Stay Sharp" kits have been created with funds from the Age Options Grant for Seniors. These circulating kits are themed (i.e. cats, travel, fitness) and feature puzzles, crafts, and books.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. As an incentive for signing up, a free cookie from Panda Baby cookies is given out for new library card sign-ups, library card renewals or presentation of a current Flossmoor Library Card. Additionally, the person is entered into a drawing for one of three \$50 gift cards from Ruby Ella Sweets, D's Cookie Dough Company, or Rainbow Cone.

The Library of Things continues to grow. Recent additions include a sewing machine, a tool box, a metal detector, and an audiocassette tape player. In the future a Cricut may be added to the collection.

Public Relations and Programming Coordinator: Janet DiCastro

Summer Reading concluded in early August. It was a successful year with 154 adults signed up 78 completing the program. A variety of in-person programs have been held including two animal adoption events (puppies and kittens), a program on metal detecting (this meshed with the addition of a metal detector to the Library of Things); an off-site field trip to the Magic Lounge in Chicago. Future programming includes an off-site field trip to the Chopin Theater to see a performance of Into the Woods; Painting with Tracie; Tye-Dye Teddy Bear Workshop; Sound Bath with Preston Klik; yoga classes; a take-home project for making Christmas "crackers" with an on-demand component for instruction; a presentation of the documentary film *Alice's Ordinary People* during February for Black History Month.

Jenny Lucas: Youth Services Manager

Summer reading was successful with 354 registering and 140 completing. The top three prizes were a Nintendo Switch, a family pass for the Chicago Children's Museum and a shark onesie blanket. Large print books and Wonderbooks (a print book with ready-to-play audio inside) have been added to the collection. A bilingual (English/Spanish) collection is being created. Upcoming programs include a Dungeons and Dragons program, pumpkin decorating, Flossmoor CSI, and computer coding. On-going programs include a variety of storytimes, S.T.E.A.M. programs, and a service hour for teens.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Trustee Concerns

Ms. Barnes complimented the Youth Services department on their bulletin boards.

Correspondence, articles, events, meetings news

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Christina Roberts to adjourn the regular board meeting. Seconded by Jessica Barnes. All trustees present voted Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.