

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held at the library on February 27, 2023.

Present were Trustee President William Morris, Trustee Michael McCue, Vice President Irene D'Anna, Trustee Eric Sharrin, Trustee Donna Warren, Director Eugenia Schatoff, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, Treasurer Magda Parvulescu, and Board Clerk Mary Flanagan.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Morris called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

MINUTES - Meeting of January 23, 2023 was approved. On a motion by Trustee Donna Warren and seconded by Trustee Michael McCue, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as amended.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT & LIST OF CLAIMS

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for January 2023 and the List of Warrants for February 2023. On a motion by Trustee William Morris and seconded by Trustee Donna Warren, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for January 2023 and the List of Warrants for February 2023.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Statistical Reports for January 2023 were noted..

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Director Schatoff reported that the Buildings and Grounds met on 2/3/2023, 2/25/2023, and 2/27/23. The Shelf down project in the main part of the library is almost completed which gives an increase in sight lines, a more open feel, and a better browsing experience. We had two resignations recently one was a Library assistant, and the other was PT Library Clerk. Our Youth Services are very busy planning for Spring. We plan to have 8 new programs this season. We also have passive programs continuing to keep teens engaged until a new YA librarian is hired. February's " I Love my Library" passive program asks patrons what they love about the PRPL. The heart shaped messages were on display in the children's room. The hearts will be presented to our local legislators at Advocacy Day later this month. The Learning Lab Adult class moves to the Community Room for extra space due to over 30 registrations! The program makes use of our VidCode database subscription account and is teaching some advanced, substantial coding. One adult spent 19 hours on their homework assignment. No other library offers this kind of programming. Tech Help is booming. In the library and at outreach events/ We conducted over 20 one-to-one tech help sessions in the library this month, and also offered our usual 2 tech help outreach sessions at the senior group at Beth Am Temple.

The 60th Anniversary Oral History Projects kicked off in January. Librarian Jim Cassetta is running weekly oral History Interviews, which is being filmed by Page Izsak Gonzalez. Patrons are eager and happy to participate. The results will be available for viewing later in the year and will culminate in an in-person program which selected participants. The project will also be incorporated into Jim's 2023 local history book for Pearl River Library Press - A History of PRPL. The Learning Lab is very popular with waiting lists for kids programs., The Literacy Solutions Volunteers program has been growing recently. This fills the Learning Lab during quiet hours (9:30AM-1:00PM) helping the LSV with exactly what they need. Their/our patrons will also participate in our new Spring Chickens Choir in April to improve their language skills. Various incidents continue to increase at the library. The security company is present and is a great resource to have to aid with help if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Library Renewal Project

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Building & Grounds** - Committee has met several times, will report to board
- B. **POLICY** - the board adopted the Pearl River Library Mission & Vision Statement 3rd version by unanimous vote 5-0.
- C. **FINANCE** - will meet on March 6, 2023.
- D. **PERSONNEL** - will meet on March 13, 2023

NEW BUSINESS- Approval of Resolutions

- a. Resolution - Approval to override tax cap
- b. ReSolution - Set date of Budget Vote and /Budget Hearing

CORRESPONDENCE - Director Schatoff read a Thank you note from a parent regarding how much their son and his friends enjoy Chess Club.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - a resident inquired how to become an adult volunteer. The director explained that they are working on developing an Adult Volunteer Policy.

Next Meeting - Monday, March 27, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Eric Sharrin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Donna Warren to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed 5-0 at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Flanagan