

**A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held at the library on August 21, 2023.**

Present were President William Morris, Vice President Irene D’Anna, Trustee Michael McCue, Trustee Eric Sharrin, Trustee Jeannine Clark, Director Eugenia Schatoff, Treasurer Magda Parvulescu and Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Morris called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident G. McMorrow stated her objections to the book “Let’s Talk About It.”

Resident L. Gable stated her objections to the book “Let’s Talk About It.”

Resident M. McCloud voiced her support for a variety of books.

Resident P. Tarvin stated her opposition to having book selection limited by a few patrons.

Resident E. McCloud gave his support for having books that are different.

**MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of July 24, 2023, and the special meeting on August 7, 2023, were approved. On a motion by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee McCue the board voted 5-0 in favor of accepting both sets of minutes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Balance Sheets, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for July 2023, and the List of Warrants for August 2023.

On a motion by President Morris and seconded by Trustee Sharrin, the board voted 5-0 to approve.

**STATISTICAL REPORTS**

The Statistical Reports for July 2023 were noted. Trustee Sharrin mentioned how happy he was to see an increase in the number of users for LinkedIn.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Schatoff informed the board that the library has started ordering more books from Baker & Taylor. In addition, the library has signed a leasing agreement with McNaughton. This will allow the library to order multiple copies of popular books and then return them when the demand has died down. As we approach the time when we begin renovations, being able to return books will help with shelf space. Director Schatoff also wanted to point out that security has been helping reduce the number of incidents at the library.

President Morris expressed his happiness with Librarian John Aiello being able to get SCAD into the library for a free program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

LARC – The project continues see committee reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Buildings and Grounds-The committee will be meeting on September 11, 2023, at 4:30pm to finalize the selection of a construction manager. The public is welcome to attend.
- b) Policy - Will meet on September 11, 2023, to review a book challenge.
- c) Finance – Will meet on September 19, 2023, at 7:30pm to review what is needed for the B.A.N.
- d) Personnel – Will also meet on September 19, 2023. Trustee D’Anna was appointed to fill in for an opening.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The board received a resignation letter from Donna Warren stepping down as trustee. President Morris said that the board regrettably accepts the resignation.

Director Schatoff read a note from patron M. Skrapits offering full support of the library’s book choices.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident G. McMorrow wanted to know if anyone on the board had read the book. She wants the book moved not removed. Director Schatoff stated that the Policy Committee will meet on September 11 to review and discuss.

Resident E. McCloud commented that all books are great for different reasons.

Resident R. Reid stated that she and her family are long-term users and think the children’s room is fantastic.

Resident D. McGuire stated that the public should not be reactionary, and that the library is taking great care with the material selection.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50pm Trustee Sharrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Clark seconded and the board voted unanimously to end the meeting.

The next meeting will be September 25, 2023.

Submitted by Debra McDermott