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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES September 16, 2025

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Board President Jason Fichtel on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at the Westmont Public Library.

2) Roll Call

Present: Secretary Heather Booth, Vice President Elaine Carmichael, Trustee Melissa Donoghue, Trustee Beth Krotiak, Treasurer O'Connor, and President Jason Fichtel

Absent: Trustee Joanne O'Malley

Staff present: Director Julia Coen, Assistant Director Colleen Seisser, and Administrative Assistant Michelle Mahlan

Also Present: Village Finance Director Allen Altic

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Approval of Consent Agenda

- b) Minutes of the regular board meeting on August 19, 2025
- c) Minutes of the finance committee meeting on August 11, 2025
- d) Communications log for August 2025
- e) Director's report September 2025

Motion: Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Krotiak seconded.

Discussion: **Vote**: All in favor **Motion passed**

5) Open Forum:

a. Public: None

- **b. Board**: Booth said that she used the notarization service at the Library and it was very helpful. O'Connor inquired if we could see about improving the microphone at Trivia at Zazzo's. Carmichael noted that the Chamber Open House is tomorrow at Net Games.
- c. Director: None
- **d. Staff:** Seisser noted that the staff in-service is a week from this Friday. There will be presentations on AI, narcan administration, disability awareness by JJ's List, and a scavenger hunt to end the in-service. The Pollinator Fest was a great success and the Pet Parade was this past week. The Library's Computer Lab will be closed on October 2 for a server upgrade. Staff will be at the trick or treat trail on October 18.

6) Additions and Deletions to Bills and Vendors

Motion: Donoghue moved to include Additions and Deletions to Bills and Vendors, Booth seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All in favor Motion passed

7) Treasurer's Reports

Motion: O'Connor moved to file the Treasurer's Report for audit, Donoghue seconded.

Discussion: None **Vote**: All in favor **Motion passed**

8) Bills and Vendors

Motion: Booth moved to approve Bills and Vendors Report, Krotiak seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote:

Ayes: Booth, Carmichael, Donoghue, Krotiak, O'Connor, and Fichtel - 6

Nays: none

Absent: O'Malley - 1
Motion passed

9) Unfinished Business: None

10) New Business

a. Board to discuss timeline and process for Director's annual evaluation.

Discussion: It was decided that all staff will be provided with an upward evaluation survey and that Coen will provide a written self-evaluation that includes her vision of the future of the library and stewardship of the building.

11) Adjournment

Motion: Booth moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., Donoghue seconded.

Discussion: None Vote: All in favor Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Booth

Westmont Public Library Board of Trustees, Secretary