

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 8, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on March 8, 2017. President Jill Collin presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:     Jill Collin                     Barb Green  
                           Jim Bielien                     Jim Ferrar  
                           Larry Pittsley

Members Absent:     Scott Haugh, Luke Beggin

Also present were Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle and Circulation and Outreach Coordinator Geoff Graham.

Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jim Ferrar moved and Barb Green seconded to approve the January 11, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Larry Pittsley moved and Jim Bielien seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports for both January and February. A copy of the budget snapshot was distributed. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Reports were accepted as written.

**LIBRARY BY-LAWS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Barb Green moved and Larry Pittsley seconded to approve the draft copy of the library by-laws. Director Dickerson recommended three additional statements for board consideration. Copies of The Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, and Libraries: An American Value were given to the board members.

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY18 BUDGET**

Director Dickerson handed out preliminary copies of the FY2018 Budget and fielded questions from board members. Board members Luke Beggin, Jill Collin, and Jim Ferrar will be the Finance Committee that will be working on finalizing budget figures to bring to the rest of the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative Committee: Did not meet.

Finance Committee: Jill Collin and Jim Ferrar recently met to discuss the Fiscal 2018 budget. Ideas for budget cuts were discussed.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet.

**COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Dickerson read an email thanking Adult Supervisor Laura Keyes for purchasing books for a library customer. Director Dickerson showed the board a letter written by James Rhyne Jr., director of the Boys and Girls Club, encouraging members to attend the *One Book, One Freeport* events.

Board President Jill Collin read an email from Jim Winker complimenting Director Dickerson on her lecture of "The Librarian and the Confederate General" given during the American History Series on February 9, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary