A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on April 12, 2017. Vice-President Jim Ferrar presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Pittsley Barb Green
Jim Bielien Jim Ferrar
Liz Gridley

Members Absent: Scott Haugh, Luke Beggin, Jill Collin

Also present were Director Carole Dickerson, Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle, Adult Services Supervisor, and Circulation and Outreach Coordinator Geoff Graham.

Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

FUNDRAISING/FRIENDRAISING PRESENTATION
Marilyn Smit, Co-owner, M45 Marketing discussed fundraising versus friendraising. Ms. Smit gave the board copies of an article entitled “Why Do So Many Nonprofits Live or Die by Special Events?”

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER
New board member Liz Gridley exchanged information with the rest of the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Barb Green moved and Jim Bielien seconded to approve the March 8, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Jim Bielien moved and Barb Green seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports for March. A copy of the budget snapshot was distributed. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Reports were accepted as written.

NON-BARGAINING SALARIES – DISCUSSION AND ACTION
Director Dickerson informed the board that the city council has approved a second 1% COLA for all city non-bargaining staff and recommends the same 1% increase for the non-bargaining library staff. Larry Pittsley moved and Barb Green seconded to approve the additional 1% COLA retroactive to May 1, 2016. The motion carried.
Freedom to Read and Freedom to View Statements and Libraries: An American Value – Discussion and Action
This item will be discussed at the May 10, 2017 board meeting.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY18 BUDGET
Director Dickerson handed out preliminary copies of the FY2018 Budget with two scenarios for consideration. The Finance Committee will meet before the next board meeting and bring its recommendations to bring to the rest of the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Administrative Committee: Did not meet.

Finance Committee: Did not meet.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet.

COMMUNICATIONS/BOARD COMMENTS
Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle announced that Money Smart Week begins with the opening events at the library on Saturday, April 22.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary