

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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.

Page 2  
Board of Trustees  
April 12, 2017

**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