

**FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
July 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Meeting Rooms on July 11, 2018. President Jim Ferrar presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present:     Jim Bienlien                     Nita White  
                               Larry Pittsley                     Rebecca Quiggle  
                               Gwen Crow                         Sue Bukas  
                               Jim Ferrar                         Jennie Devine  
                               Nan McMurray

Members Absent:     none

Also present were Executive Director Emily Klonicki, Circulation and Outreach Coordinator Geoff Graham, and Interim Head of Adult and Technical Services Heaether Venetucci-Johnson and Library Attorney Michael Phillips.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

**II. CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Rebecca Quiggle and Jennie Devine seconded to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

**III. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - PUBLIC/MEDIA**

Several members of the public gave or read comments concerning the "In God We Trust" motto that the board was voting on that evening. Executive Director Emily Klonicki stated that she received 36 letters or emails and received two phone calls. A petition was submitted with signatures numbering 207 names in opposition of the motto being placed on the building.

Members of the public who gave or read statements were:

Steve Carroll	April Young
Barbara Vines	Robert Vines
Jennifer Kanosky	Rev. Hank Fairman
Judy Garkey	Roger Schultz
Christina Fairman	Teresa Wellman
Linda Johnson	Dellura Pratt
Christine Ihde	Vicki Petta
Art Stees	Adam Moderow
Debbie Leininger	Steve Cassell

Dan Misek  
Jody Coss  
Gail Sanders  
Ed Maglietta  
Gary Diben

Sarah Masa-Meyers  
Ed Klein  
Joseph Appell  
Deb Lischwe  
Molly Doolittle

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rebecca Quiggle moved and Nan McMurray seconded to approve the regular minutes of the June 13, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting. Motion carried.

#### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Nita White moved and Rebecca Quiggle seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports for June 2018. Motion carried.

#### **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Emily Klonicki went through several of the items in her written report which included the HVAC issues, the energy audit, the redesign of the website and the various personnel changes in the last month. She also told the board that she created an Annual Snapshot which is on the current website.

#### **VII. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

Interim Head of Adult Service and Technical Services Heaether Venetucci-Johnson reported to the board of the recent success of the Walt Whitman Living History program.

Circulation and Outreach Coordinator Geoff Graham stated that his report stands as written.

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Administrative Committee:** No report
- B. **Finance Committee:** No report
- C. **Building and Grounds Committee:** Board Member Larry Pittsley read a letter addressed to the Momentum Art Guild answering their proposal to use the Gallery Café during library hours for the purpose of displaying art.

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **National Motto on Library Building:** Board President Jim Ferrar read Resolution 2017-44, *Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois Authorizing the Public Display of the Official Motto of the United States of America, "In God We Trust", at City Hall.* Sue Bukas read her personal statement. Gwen Crow made a motion and Rebecca Quiggle seconded to postpone the vote until the board had a chance to research the meaning of the resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Ferrar-N, Bienlien-N, White-N, Crow-Y, Bukas-N, Quiggle-Y, Pittsley-N, DeVine-N, McMurray-N. Motion failed.

Voting on the original motion made by Rebecca Quiggle and seconded by Jennie DeVine to display the motto on the library building. A roll call vote was taken.

Ferrar-N, Bienlien-N, White-N, Crow-Y, Bukas-N, Quiggle-Y, Pittsley-N, DeVine-Y, McMurray-Y. Motion failed.

Board member Larry Pittsley made a motion and was seconded by Nita White to have the Building and Grounds Committee explore the option of placing an educational plaque inside the library about the history of the National Motto. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XII. ACTION IN RESPECT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIII. DISCUSSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Gwen Crow moved to adjourn and Jim Bienlien seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Submitted by Connie Hoffman