

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

Call to order, roll call

Vice President Maria Rector called the meeting to order at: 6:33pm. Trustees present were Maria Rector, Chris Canelake, Pete Regez, Jason Stauter, Debbie Larys, and Jay Dickerson. Also present was Jenna Diedrich, Library Director.

Citizen Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Larys moved to approve the consent agenda. Dickerson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Friends' Report

Territory holiday market raised \$850.00, almost double from past year. It was noted that Stauter's donations of high quality books significantly affected these positive results.

Library Director's Report

Diedrich referred to her written report, and also mentioned that a link to all LitFest events are included. Trustees expressed appreciation and enthusiasm for the upcoming Litfest events.

Board President's Report

None

Committees

- a. Building and Grounds: Meeting 12/18 and will discuss carpet installation.
- b. Finance: None
- c. HR: None
- d. Policy: None.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Election of a new Board President

Larys moved to nominate Rector as Board President. Dickerson seconded. Discussion followed with appreciation for Rector's talent and experience for the position. Trustees expressed support for Rector in this role.

Roll call vote:

Canelake: Aye

Regez: Aye

Stauter: Aye

Larys: Aye

Dickerson: Aye

Rector: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed that this will open the VP role, and that it will be best to nominate and vote for this role after all trustee positions are filled.

Closed Session

Dickerson moved to enter closed session under the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(C)1) for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Larys seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Board returned to Open Session at 6:50pm

Discussion and possible action on the appointment to the vacant board seat

Larys moved to appoint Sarah Rochel to the open board seat, expiring April 2027. Dickerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Items for next agenda

Two items were identified for the next Board Meeting:

- 1) Swearing in for new Trustee
- 2) Election for new Vice President of the Board

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Rector adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Canelake
Secretary