

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Basofin, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Rich Basofin, Rich Coplan, Joel Hurwitz, Laura Knapp, Barbara Mazur, Rob Olian, Nancy Sawle-Knobloch, Carole Wolfe

Members Absent: Marty Kinczel

Others Present: Linda Center, Jane Conway, Alan Handler, Adam Kramer, Margaux Sayer, Pamela Siegel, Beatrice Tier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Wolfe moved and Ms. Sawle-Knobloch seconded a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes, December 2018 Bill List, and December 2018 Financial Reports on the consent agenda. The motion passed by a majority with Mr. Olian, Ms. Sawle-Knobloch, and Ms. Wolfe abstaining from approval of the December 11, 2018 minutes.

Ayes: Basofin, Coplan, Hurwitz, Knapp, Mazur, (Olian, Sawle-Knobloch, Wolfe – excluding minutes)

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Highland Park residents Alan Handler, Linda Center, Beatrice Tier, and Margaux Sayer shared suggestions and opinions on the future of the two houses adjacent to the library that are now owned by the City. Library parking alternatives were also presented to the Board.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Basofin's report included the following:

- He formally welcomed Ms. Sawle-Knobloch, Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Olian to the Library Board.
- A list of the 2019 Library Board Committees was distributed.
- He and Assistant Director Clark will be attending the ILA Legislative Breakfast on February 18.
- The 2019 Board Calendar was distributed.
- Brief department tours will be included on upcoming Board meeting agendas. Technical Services will kick-off the tours at the February meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Conway's report included the following:

- Donations for 2018 totaled \$82,000.
- Memorial gifts totaling \$2,000 have been received to date in memory of Nancy Happ.
- The Kaplan family designated the library for gifts in memory of Elaine Kaplan.
- The annual 112 Foundation Kid Lit Fest will take place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature local author book signings and storytelling.
- Next week the library will participate in the 10th Annual Martin Luther King Service Day at the Highland Park Recreation Center.
- Registration for winter Library U classes has started. French is the newest addition. The library is also seeking someone to facilitate a French conversation group.

- The library's new collection of circulating hotspots was featured in the Highland Park News this week.
- NPR's Best Books of 2018 included four books that were part of the library's Meet the Author Series. The books were *Small Animals*, *The Order of the Day*, *The Great Believers*, and *Famous Father Girl*.
- Next week several staff members will meet with architect Tiffany Nash to kick off the Youth Services remodeling project.
- The Friends' Board President and Secretary would like to step down and are asking for help from the Library Board in recruiting replacements.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Olian moved and Ms. Knapp seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. President Basofin, presiding, adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Pamela Siegel