

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 27, 2021

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

Board Present: Annie Brooks, Helen Cox, Vice-President; Cristina Cray; Andre Jordan; Arden Lang, President; Mary Mucciante; Tiffany Roe; Marty Ryan, Secretary.

Board Absent: Larry Harvell.

Staff Present: Jeff Blazis, Fiscal Officer; Rochelle Hartman, Director; Anna Lillian Moser, Youth Services Manager.

Public Present: Geoff Pettys.

President Lang called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

WELCOME: Geoff Pettys was welcomed to the meeting.

MINUTES: Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020. Ms. Mucciante seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Ms. Brooks left at 5 pm.)

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Fiscal Officer Blazis presented the reports and noted that spending had been slower thus far due to COVID-related closures and reduced hours.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

COVID-19 Update – The library opened January 27, 2021 for browsing, research, materials pick up, and computer use. Seating is very limited and patrons are encouraged to limit their time. Masks are required; those unable to wear a mask will be offered alternative services.

Vacancies – Youth Services Manager, Anna Moser, who started December 7, 2020 introduced herself and said her goal was to make better connections in the community and to develop services for young adults. Applications continue to be accepted for Access Services Manager. Also to be filled are Librarian I in Adult Services, and Library Assistant II in Access Services.

Per Capita Grant – The Board reviewed the Per Capita Grant and gave consent for its submission. The deadline for the Per Capita Grant has been extended to March 15, 2021.

FY2022 Budget – Director Hartman will present the library's budget to City Council on February 1, 2021. The budget is little changed from previous year.

Fines – During the pandemic many area libraries, including Champaign, Decatur and Bloomington-Normal, have officially gone fine-free. The budget will be presented with our usual line item for fines zeroed out. Director Hartman asked the Board to approve a recommendation that the library officially adopt a fine-free policy. Ms. Cox moved that the library stop charging fines for overdue materials. Ms. Brooks seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Big Read – Director Hartman shared that over 75 programs would be offered as part of the Big Read, which launches in March. Several of the programs will be offered by the library.

Wagner Bequest: The bequest has been received by the city and put into a separate line for capital expenses for the library.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY: No report.

LINCOLN LIBRARY FOUNDATION: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Rochelle Hartman