



Minutes

1. Call to order

President Brauer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Secretary DeRosa was present.

2. Roll call/Trustee requests to attend meeting via electronic means

Upon roll call, Trustees Boland, Brauer, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff were present.

3. Approval of agenda

Trustee Boland moved, seconded by Trustee Snyder, to remove the May 21 Board minutes from the consent agenda.

Roll call vote:

Ayes:	Boland, Brauer, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Vote:	Motion carried.

Trustee Boland moved, seconded by Trustee Snyder, approval of the agenda as amended.

Roll call vote:

Ayes:	Boland, Brauer, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Vote:	Motion carried.

4. Introduction of visitors

In attendance were Executive Director Jeannie Dilger, Assistant Director Melissa Gardner, Assistant Director Susan Conner, Finance Manager Mary Myers, Youth & Teen Services Manager Kathy Burns, Administrative Associate Sarah Kacimi, and Friends of the Library representative Meg Cipar. Members in attendance were Emilie Cheng, Tracie Padal, Barbara Sherry, Ryan Lettier, Renee True, Audrey Natcone, and Steven Padal.

5. Public comment

Barbara Sherry thanked the Board and Library for recognizing June as Pride Month and for providing a positive and inclusive space for the community.

Ryan Lettier expressed his and his family's appreciation for the Library and Board for highlighting Pride Month, and stated he is proud to celebrate in this town.

Seven public comments were submitted in advance via email and read aloud at the meeting.

Allie Gillies called attention to how LGBTQ+ teens have the highest rate of suicide and thanked the Board for providing social support and an affirming space for the LGBTQ+ community.

Marcy Usalis shared her appreciation for how the Library recognizes Pride Month. Usalis goes on to say that she implores the Library to remain open and supportive of Pride Month regardless of negative comments.

Lisa Williams thanked the Library for supporting the LGBTQ+ community and upholding the inclusion of all communities. Williams said that she is proud to live in a town that celebrates diversity.

Erik Palumbo voiced support for Pride Month and organizations working for equality and justice for all. Palumbo asks that the Library continues to protect the vulnerable who just want to live free.

William Brinkman commented that he is proud that the Library is recognizing Pride Month, and that our LGBTQ+ neighbors are supported. Brinkman advised the Library to stand strong and continue providing a welcoming place for the entire community.

Steven Padal expressed his full support for Pride Month and the LGBTQ+ materials provided by the Library. Padal said Pride Month is a form of freedom that we should all celebrate, and he supports the Library's initiative to increase knowledge, literacy, and community awareness.

Natalie Sahinoglu voiced her support and appreciation for the Palatine Library and staff for highlighting Pride Month and for maintaining a positive and nurturing space for the community.

6. Liaison reports

a. Friends of the Library

Friends representative Meg Cipar reported that the Friends are ready for the upcoming book sale. New items that will be sold include vinyl records, book sets, specialty items, select library discards, and vintage books. Cipar added that there will be \$3 grab bags on Saturday and Sunday.

b. Palatine Public Library District Foundation

Trustee Jefferson reported that the Story Walk boards are on display. Jefferson thanked the sponsors, the Friends of the Library, and the Palatine Park District. Jefferson requested everyone promote the upcoming mini-golf event, which needs additional sponsors. The next Foundation meeting will be Thursday, June 20.

c. RAILS/ILA

Trustee DeRosa reported that the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pritzker signed into law over \$75 million in FY2025 library funding. In addition, DeRosa reported that the House unveiled a supplemental appropriations bill to address security weaknesses in district offices. The Illinois Library Association annual conference will be October 8-10 in Peoria.

7. Unfinished business

a. Approve working budget for fiscal year 2024-2025

Trustee Boland moved, seconded by Trustee Snyder, approval of the working budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Ayes:	Boland, Brauer, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Vote:	Motion carried.

8. New business

a. Appointment of search committee to fill trustee vacancy

President Brauer reported that the Board is accepting applications for the vacant trustee position due to the departure of Trustee Puklin. The deadline for applications is July 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

9. President's report

a. Review of library board advocacy activities

Trustee DeRosa attended the Village of Palatine community feedback meeting on June 5. DeRosa reported that Palatine's Comprehensive Plan is under revision, and a survey was conducted to gather input and opinions from the community. The survey demonstrated the community's desire for additional gathering spaces, an environmentally sustainable village, and housing options for all.

b. Library as Grand Marshall of the Hometown Fest Parade, July 6

The Library will be serving as Grand Marshall, leading the Hometown Fest Parade this year on July 6. Trustees were invited to walk in the parade.

c. Committee Assignments

President Brauer added that effective immediately, the following committee assignments have been adjusted: Trustee Boland will now serve on the Minutes Review Committee, with Trustee Snyder as Chair. President Brauer will temporarily serve on the Policy Committee, with Trustee DeRosa as Chair. President Brauer asked the Board to notify her of committee preferences for the next fiscal year by June 25.

10. Treasurer's Report

Trustee Boland reported that the Library's finances are staying on track as we approach the end of the year.

11. Director's report

Executive Director Dilger reported that the Executive Director of Partners for Our Communities (POC) is retiring. The Library is in the process of filling the Branch Manager and Communications Manager positions. Dilger reported that the sale of Clayson House is still in progress.

a. NASIG Conference report

Lead Cataloger Adriene Galindo attended the 2024 NASIG Conference in Spokane, Washington from June 3-7. Galindo reported that the conference focused on cataloging and metadata. Galindo demonstrated how to effectively make corrections to catalogs. Galindo is eager to attend the conference again next year.

b. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference report

Finance Manager Mary Myers attended the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 9-12. Myers reported that the program included interactive discussions, networking opportunities, and addressed current issues facing government finance professionals. Myers reported that the conference was very informative.

12. Committee reports

a. Building and Grounds Committee

No report.

b. Decennial Committee

The next Decennial Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will review the final report at that time. If necessary, another meeting will be scheduled.

c. Finance Committee

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held in July to discuss the budget and appropriations.

d. Minutes Review Committee

No report.

e. Policy Committee

The committee will meet on June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

13. Consent agenda

a. Approval of minutes

i. Finance Committee meeting of April 26, 2024

ii. Finance Committee meeting of April 30, 2024

b. Approval of Warrant 2024-12 in the amount of \$944,870.28

c. Approval of Ordinance 2024-06 Authorizing Levy of an Additional Tax for the Purchase of Sites and Buildings; for the Construction and Equipment of Buildings; for the Rental of Buildings Required for Library Purposes; and for the Maintenance, Repairs, and Alteration of the Library Building and Equipment

Trustee Boland moved, seconded by Trustee Snyder, approval of the consent agenda as amended.

Roll call vote:

Ayes:	Boland, Brauer, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Vote:	Motion carried.

14. Correspondence

Executive Director Dilger reported that the Library received a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant for \$100,000 to be used on the staff remodel project.

Facilities Manager Gregg Szczesny received a thank you letter from a church that purchased some of our used furniture.

Trustees received an invitation to the Illinois State Fair from the State Treasurer.

15. Adjournment

President Brauer adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date: 7/16/24

Debby Brauer
Debby Brauer, President

Maureen DeRosa
Maureen DeRosa, Secretary

