

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
April 24, 2024
7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Main Library located at 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois.

All packet documents were made available on or before the day of the meeting and an agenda was posted online and in both libraries forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Call to Order

President Taylor called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call

In attendance: President Taylor, Vice President Medrano-Sanchez, Secretary Sharkey, Treasurer Pelke, Trustee Becker, Trustee Johnson, and Trustee Kennealy

Absent: None

Staff present: Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director-Public Services Parmele, Assistant Director-Operations Husak, Erin Maiero, Henry Sadowski, Anne Kunzen, Sam Chiappone, Doug Cataldo, and Kristen McCallum

Audience to Visitors

Kathy Frank and Kate Sharkey, with no public comment.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- **Approval of the March 2024 Financial Statements**
- **Approval of FY25 Board Meeting Calendar**

Trustee Kennealy asked to amend the minutes to correct the spelling of his name. Trustee Kennealy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and Trustee Pelke seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of April 2024 Disbursements

Trustee Johnson asked for clarification on the vendors Constellation and Black Dog books. Executive Director Murray explained that Constellation is our new electric provider, and that Black Dog books is providing the graphic novels for Free Comic Book Day on May 4. Trustee Becker moved to approve the April 2024 disbursements and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Kennealy, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, and Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Confirmation of the Decennial Committee Roster

The Board confirmed the roster for the Decennial Committee. The roster includes: the Board of Trustees, Executive Director Sara Murray, and community members Steve Schaaf, Bridget Scales, Janet May, and Kathy Frank. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the Decennial Committee Roster and Trustee Becker seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Kennealy, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, and Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Eastgate Branch Renovation Project Update

Executive Director Murray shared a video of the construction process so far. A folder with photos will be shared with the trustees. Executive Director Murray, Assistant Directors Husak and Parmele, and Branch Manager Chiappone are attending bi-weekly OACM meetings at Eastgate throughout the construction project. Demolition is expected to last three weeks. The old elevator has been removed.

Trustee Reports

- Trustee Becker recommended a book to the trustees, "I escaped from a Chinese Internment Camp".
- Trustee Johnson attended an ILA webinar and reported that it was a good presentation. He is looking forward to free Comic Book Day on May 4th.
- Secretary Sharkey introduced her daughter, who was attending the meeting as a class assignment. Secretary Sharkey inquired about the success of the Scorched Earth Pub Choir program.
- Vice President Medrano-Sanchez has spoken with folks in the community about the upcoming project.
- President Taylor's daughter is very fond of the Music and Movement program as well as the Terrific Tales for 2 and 3's.

Committee Reports

- **Policy Committee:** The committee is planning to meet in July.
- **Budget and Personnel Committee:** The next meeting will be scheduled in mid-May to review the upcoming budget. Chairperson Pelke is appreciative that the anticipated renovation costs will avoid any further debt for the library. Being a good steward of our community's money is an important function of the board. Chairperson Pelke asked the board to consider moving to a Geothermal HVAC system at the main library in the future. He also inquired about the new sorter and the progress with our potential banking agreement with Wintrust.
- **Facilities Committee:** Meetings will continue monthly during the Eastgate Renovation project.

Staff Reports

The library welcomed Doug Cataldo as our new Communications and Outreach Coordinator.

Correspondence


A thank you note was received from the ALITH Chamber of Commerce for the library's 16th year of participation in the Chamber. A letter was received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources with a request for additional information with regards to the Eastgate Branch Renovation Project. The information needed is:

- Project plans and specifications
- Pre-construction photographs of existing conditions in the spaces to be impacted by the project

Adjournment


President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

APPROVED:



Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST:



Tracy Sharkey, Secretary