

**The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees met in the Lewis Auditorium of The Urbana Free Library on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the president, John Thies at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Shirese Hursey, Lupe Mejia, Mark Pelmore, Beth Scheid, John Thies, Michael Weissman, Jane Williams (by phone), and Gloria Yen

Absent: Barb Bennett

Staff present: Becky Brown, Dawn Cassidy, Celeste Choate, Rachel Fuller, Gretchen Webb, Amanda Standerfer

Also Present: Brie Gaspar

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

It was moved by Beth Scheid, seconded by Shirese Hursey, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Dawn Cassidy shared with the Board some points she learned at a webinar about the recruiting and retention of staff. She told the Board what the Library is currently doing, explained some initiatives that are being developed, and mentioned some things that will be explored in the future.

Celeste Choate presented the proposed FY23 budget to the Board. The FY23 budget meets the two standards for budgets set in the Per Capita Grant requirements. Celeste pointed out the high points and some changes in next year's budget, including going fine free and adding some staff benefits.

ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

Being that John Thies asked and saw that there were no requests to separate the items, it was moved by Michael Weissman, seconded by Gloria Yen, and passed by unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION ITEMS (INDIVIDUAL)

It was moved by Michael Weissman, seconded by Lupe Mejia, and passed unanimously to approve the Library Paid Leave Related to COVID-19 as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON OFFICERS

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are planning the next book sale for May 19 through May 22.

The Urbana Free Library Foundation

The Foundation is cosponsoring the mural painting on the Cunningham Township building. Painting has started and volunteer spots are filling rapidly. The April 23 donor event has been postponed. The Foundation is looking into several passive fund-raising opportunities. Three Foundation Board members' terms expire June 30 and the Foundation is looking for people who would like the opportunity to serve the Library in this capacity.

Illinois Heartland Library System

Celeste Choate and Amanda Standerfer both spoke at the IHLS Reaching Forward South conference on April 8. The conference was in person this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Celeste Choate reported that there is mold in the Tepper building basement that has been evaluated professionally. The Library will soon be putting out an RFP for mold remediation.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

John Thies reported that he is resigning from the Board at the end of FY22.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Becky Brown, Recorder


Barb Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved: 5/10/2022

Supplementary information is available in the Board packet of April 12, 2022.

This meeting was taped for later broadcast.