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Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30pm, Monday, February 27, 2023

Salem Lakes Building
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LeeAnn Briese, Director

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Meeting Minutes

Present: President Fitzgerald, Trustees: Czischke, Brinkner, Hopkins, Janus, Kemp, Watson

Absent: Trustee Hendrix

Administration: LeeAnn Briese, Director

- 1. Call to order:** President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes from the board meetings held Monday, January 23, 2023**
Motion made by Trustee Kemp to accept the minutes of the meeting held Monday, January 23, 2023, seconded by Trustee Watson. Trustees Hopkins and Janus abstained. Motion passed.
- 4. Citizen's comments** – None
- 5. Village of Salem Lakes representative to the Library Board**
Trustee Hopkins said the Village of Salem Lakes will appoint someone to fulfill the remainder of Duane Kellor's term after the April election.
- 6. Financials**
Motion made by Trustee Czischke to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Trustee Janus. Passed unanimously.
- 7. Bills for payment**
Motion made by Trustee Hopkins to pay all bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Czischke. Passed unanimously.
- 8. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Public Library Annual Report**
Motion made by President Fitzgerald to approve the Library's Annual Report, seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Passed unanimously.
- 9. Director's Report**
Director Briese reported the auditors started the financial audit. The winter reading challenge was held in January in which library patrons read and logged 142,000 minutes. March programming continues with story hours, art classes and book discussions. A family night of playing Mancala is scheduled for March and April. Rick Fare of the Hoy Audubon Society will be present a program on the Eastern Bluebird on March 18. A virtual program on a 105 mile trek through the Alps presented by Michael Michalski will be available March 27-April 2. AARP will present a program on decluttering and downsizing on March 22. The library will host a gardening series presented by the UW Horticultural Extension Educator. The NEA Big Read book discussion will be in April. The Kenosha Public Library has received grants and has hosted the Big Read for the past 10 years. The Big Read is a community-wide reading program that aims to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections in participation communities. The title Kenosha Public Library choose this year is "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Community Library will host book discussions in April. Free copies of the book and the calendar of all Big Read events will be available.
- 10. Correspondence** – None

11. Standing committee reports

- a. Asset Inventory & Facilities** – None
- b. Personnel & Finance** – The Personnel & Finance committee will meet in March.
- c. Policy & Services** – None
- d. Foundations & Memorials** – None

12. New business

Trustee Hopkins would like to discuss a third alternate for signing checks at the next meeting.

13. Friends of the Library report

Trustee Czischke announced the Friends made over \$400 at their February book sale. They are still collecting costume jewelry for their Spring Bling Fling event on March 25 at Salem from 9am-3pm. The next book sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6.

14. Date, time and location for the next meeting – Monday, March 27, 2023 at Twin Lakes at 5:30pm.

15. Adjournment

President Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Director Briese.