

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 25, 2021

REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

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

Board Absent: Annie Brooks

Staff Present: Jeff Blazis, Fiscal Officer; Rochelle Hartman, Director

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

MINUTES: Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting. Ms. Roe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

WELCOME: Ms. Lang welcomed new board member Geoff Pettys as a new member to the board. Mr. Pettys is the Head of Reference at SIU Medical and lifelong library patron. He replaces Mr. Harvell whose term expired in November. Ms. Mucciante's term was renewed. Both she and Mr. Pettys will serve until March 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Fiscal Officer Blazis presented the financial report for December 2020, noting that the City was still wrapping up fiscal year-end figures for February 2021.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

COVID-19 Update – The library will be adding hours and additional limited seating and computer on April 5, 2021. New hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-6 pm and Friday/Saturday 10-5. The Library will continue to offer Curbside services. All summer programming will be either outdoors or virtual, with the Lincoln Site offering us green space for story hours.

Vacancies –2nd round interviews are scheduled for Office Coordinator, Access Services Manager and Adult Services Librarian. We'll be posting a second shelving position this spring. One

FY2022 Budget – Director Hartman presented the library's budget to City Council on February 2 and used her presentation to remind Council and citizens of all the library offers and how we'd like to extend services in the coming year. The budget passed without amendments and at close to the same funding as last year.

IPLAR – Director Hartman is holding off on completing the state annual report to see if 2020 Census data will be released before the May 15 deadline. If it's not released by mid-April, she'll have the report ready for signatures at the April 24 meeting.

Big Read – There are still lots of programs to come in April as part of the Big Read series, including birding, a seed saving workshop, and a nature walk. Most copies of Lab Girl have been given away and more are on order.

Earth Awareness Fair – The Library will have a table at the Earth Awareness Fair on April 17.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Lang expressed her delight with the variety and quality of programming presented as part of the Big Read. She again gave kudos to the Library's members of the steering committee, Summer Griffith and Rachel Blomer.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY: Ms. Cray reported that the Friends were giving away all the materials in the Book Room to the Salvation Army so that they can continue to encourage book donations from the public.

LINCOLN LIBRARY FOUNDATION: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Cox informed everyone that the old West Branch library had been torn down to make way for a parking lot. She had fond memories of the neighborhood branch, including Bridge club meetings in the basement.

Ms. Mucciante wanted to highlight SVC Manager Curt Mann's book, *Lake Springfield in Illinois* that he wrote with Robert Mazrim, and indicated that it was available at Barnes & Noble.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by Rochelle Hartman