



**MINUTES OF THE LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
March 17, 2009**

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**PRESENT:** Becky Spratford, Jane Byczek, Bill Coffee, Mary Nelson, Steve Wolf

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Caroline Coryell

**ABSENT:** Rose Taylor

**STAFF:** Jeannie Dilger-Hill, Bridget Bittman, Debbie Darwine, Kelly Laszczak, Pat Prohl, Nancy Roy, Brooke Sievers, Noel Zethmayr

**VISITORS:** Tim Kelpsas, Dean Bissias, Joe Sinopoli, Jane Michaels, Thom Rae, Tom Beyer

Meeting opened by President Becky Spratford at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken: Jane Byczek-present, Bill Coffee-present, Mary Nelson-present, Steve Wolf-present, Becky Spratford-present.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mary Nelson and seconded Steve Wolf by to approve the remote attendance of Caroline Coryell. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:** Becky Spratford noted Tim Kelpsas and Dean Bissias from the Park District of La Grange were present.

**MOTION:** Moved by Becky Spratford and seconded by Bill Coffee to move this New Business item to this area of the agenda. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

On behalf of the Park District of La Grange, Tim Kelpsas thanked the Board for letting him speak about the resolution. It was noted that the Gordon Park Referendum could not begin due to it being challenged in court. Tim Kelpsas asked for the Board's support regarding the resolution in order to help the Park District's defense against the lawsuit blocking the sale. He indicated it is in the public's interest. Becky Spratford noted that Jeanie Dilger-Hill showed her a copy of the resolution that the Village of La Grange passed. District 102 has also passed the resolution.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jane Byczek and seconded by Bill Coffee to write a resolution in support of the Park District's plan.

Caroline Coryell commented she felt this was not appropriate for the Library since it is a political statement; Mary Nelson concurred. Jane Byczek did not feel it was a political statement and commented that it was voted on by the community to move forward; it is affecting all of our tax dollars. Becky Spratford and Bill Coffee agreed. Steve Wolf felt we should not make resolutions for other Boards and should not be getting in the middle of it; discussion followed.

Roll call vote was taken: Jane Byczek – aye, Bill Coffee – aye, Caroline Coryell – nay, Mary Nelson – nay, Steve Wolf – nay, Becky Spratford – aye

### **MOTION DENIED**

Becky Spratford suggested this item be brought up at the next Board meeting when there is a full Board. All Board members agreed.

Tom Beyer introduced himself as Mr. Orlando Coryell’s attorney and asked if this item will be picked up at the next meeting. Becky Spratford responded it would. Discussion regarding the referendum followed. Becky Spratford thanked Tom Beyer for his opinion.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bill Coffee and seconded Caroline Coryell to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2009. All members approved.

### **MOTION CARRIES**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Becky Spratford noted there were a lot of communications. Jeannie Dilger-Hill indicated The Illinois Funds were merging the money market fund and prime fund. Becky Spratford pointed out we did get our Per Capita Grant, but it is still lower than statutory levels.

The Prairie Trails Public Library District trivia memo was reviewed. Becky Spratford suggested if anyone was interested, they let Jeannie Dilger-Hill know.

An e-mail was received from Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins indicating we do not have to appear in court for the lien. Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted it is a matter of what Maggio owes Ramm. Becky Spratford noted we officially have a Certificate of Occupancy for this building.

The MLS Trustee Workshop for May 5, 2009 was discussed. Becky Spratford noted she could not attend, but if any trustee would like to go, please let Jeannie know.

Mary Nelson asked if there was a way to alter the Long Range Planning Committee meeting times in case other Board members would like to attend. Jane Byczek noted that the committees are set up to go thru everything and then to present them to the full board. Becky Spratford noted the times were not good for her either.

### **OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Jeannie Dilger-Hill introduced Kelly Laszczak, Head of Youth Services. Jamie Weyforth is also back on staff.

Discussion regarding the theft of a computer monitor and the graffiti outside followed. Becky Spratford asked if there was any new building money to replace the monitor. Caroline Coryell questioned our insurance coverage. Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted the deductible is \$1,000.00 and the monitor cost was approximately \$250.00.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill informed the board the library was working hard on downloadable audio books.

Comments and suggestions were reviewed. The issue of not having enough computers was discussed. A pornography complaint was reviewed; Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted the staff member spoken to did not have a lot of experience in responding to this type of complaint. Caroline Coryell felt this type of complaint has escalated enormously because of the computer court. Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted this has only been the second complaint regarding the issue since she has been here in July. Steve Wolf felt it will be an ongoing issue.

Becky Spratford asked for approval of the March 2009 warrant.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mary Nelson and seconded by Jane Byczek by to approve warrant #240 in the amount of \$144,082.54. All members approved.

### **MOTION CARRIES**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Caroline Coryell reported there had been another small drop in prime fund and the money market fund; there is talk about combining the two funds. Operating budget is looking good and we are about where we should be. Per capita grant is less than last year. Becky Spratford noted that Alexi Giannoulis is keeping us up-to-date with information. Jeannie Dilger-Hill mentioned that meetings scheduled with Illinois Funds have been canceled three times. Jamie Rachlin had been contacted, he indicated that the five year financial plan was not his ballpark, but recommended someone at Harris Investments.

### **COMMITTEES:**

Building and Grounds—None

Finance, Personnel and Archives—Caroline Coryell noted a meeting was needed before the April board meeting in order to finalize the budget.

Legislation & MLS—Jeannie Dilger-Hill reported the date has been set for Illinois Library Advocacy Day on April 23, 2009 in Springfield; she is planning on going down the night before. Bill Coffee has submitted his nomination for the MLS board.

Planning and Policy—Report below

Friends of the Library & Duelm Liaison—Jane Byczek reported Heather Cavanaugh and Caroline Dillon are going off as President and Vice President. Patti Eaton is trying to get people actively involved.

Public Relations, Marketing & Fundraising—None

Long Range Planning—Jane Byczek reported the committee met on March 12, 2009. The contract with Jamie was reviewed in order to not have same problems that were encountered with ESC. Discussion followed regarding a community survey. Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted they wanted to get as many staff included as possible and may need to close for a ½ day to focus.

Village Liaison—Mary Nelson reported on the TIF funds for the movie house.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Becky Spratford presented the library's part of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for teacher cards. Jeannie Dilger-Hill noted it was reviewed by our lawyer.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jane Byczek and seconded by Mary Nelson to pass the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between La Grange Public Library, La Grange Park Public Library and La Grange Elementary School District #102.

Mary Nelson asked if the other two entities do not sign was the agreement void. Steve Wolf asked if any changes were made after the lawyer looked at it.

All members present approved. Becky Spratford noted Bill Coffee was absent.

**MOTION CARRIES**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Becky Spratford noted the Park District was moved up. The Suburban Life Letter to Editor was then discussed. Becky Spratford noted she had asked Rose Taylor to Chair the Nominating Committee and Bill Coffee and Steve Wolf to be on the committee; they all agreed. The committee will meet prior to the next Board Meeting.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill presented the Collection Development Policy for review and noted the changes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bill Coffee and seconded Steve Wolf by to accept all changes to the Collection Development Policy. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

Jeannie Dilger-Hill presented the Personnel Policy for review and noted the changes.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jane Byczek seconded by Mary Nelson to accept all changes to the Personnel Policy Review. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA:** None

**MOTION:** Moved by Mary Nelson and seconded Bill Coffee by to move into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2009 and February 17, 2009. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

Meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

Becky Spratford announced that the closed minutes from January 20, 2009 and February 17, 2009 were approved in the closed session, unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jane Byczek seconded by Mary Nelson to adjourn the meeting. All members approved.

**MOTION CARRIES**

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Roy  
Administrative Secretary