

**GRAFTON-MIDVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**February 9, 2021**

President Joe Urig called to order the regular meeting of the Grafton-Midview Public Library Board of Trustees via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Roll call: Katie Gillespie, Angela Carter, John Dixon, Evelyn Hemmingsen, Joe Urig, and Ted Schriver. Library Director Adele Infante; Fiscal Officer Lorie Scheer; and Library staff members Pam Myers, Kari Mariner, Fred Backstrom, and John Kenny also attended.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Recognition of Visitors**

Corey Heredos, Maureen Stratton, Tami Mullins, among others.

**Comments by the President**

Joe Urig anticipated hearing more about the general state of library operations from staff after the return of browsing hours this week.

**Public Comments**

None

**Oath of Office**

Following ORC 3.22, Notary Public Pam Myers administered the Oath of Office appointing Corey L. Heredos to the Board of Trustees. Her term will run from January 2021 to December 2027.

**Organizational Meeting Minutes**

Ted Schriver moved, and John Dixon seconded to accept Resolution # 21-2-1, approving the Organizational Board Meeting minutes on January 12, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried. Katie Gillespie abstained.

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Evelyn Hemmingsen moved, and Angela Carter seconded to accept Resolution # 21-2-2, approving the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes on January 12, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried. Katie Gillespie abstained.

## **Fiscal Officer's Report**

Fiscal Officer Lorie Scheer presented and reviewed the following financial reports at the meeting: Bank Report, Revenue Report, Expense Report, and Check Register for January 2021. Discussion followed.

President Joe Urig stated the January 2021 financial reports were received, reviewed, and ready to file for audit.

## **Director's Report**

Adele Infante introduced Librarians Fred Backstrom and Kari Mariner. They provided details on new projects focusing on a local history podcast and an interactive mapping program for spring. Kari expects the first podcast to debut in June, featuring a discussion of Ancestry DNA test results from several Library employees. Fred also detailed a new Covid-19 collection on Biblioboard to focus on local experiences during the pandemic. Discussion followed.

Adele recommended donating \$1,500 from the Endowment Fund to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and reserving another \$5,000 for future author programs. Discussion followed.

Angela Carter moved, and Ted Schriver seconded to accept Resolution # 21-2-3, to take \$1,500 from the Endowment Fund for immediate use and another \$5,000 for author programming withdrawn as needed over the year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adele provided an update on the new locker system scheduled for March and mentioned a \$1,500 donation from the Friends of the Grafton-Midview Public Library to partially fund the project. She also reviewed the door count for the Library upon its first few days of reopening for browsing. Discussion followed.

## **Planning Committee**

Ted Schriver provided an update on the vacant property at the former bowling alley site, including information on parking, gas and sewer taps, and other property details. He offered the

assistance of an architect friend on a volunteer basis for an initial consultation. Discussion followed. Ted will continue to research this property, and Adele will discuss the property and related options with the Mayor.

Adele updated the Board about work on the strategic plan. She divided Library staff into groups to focus on specific areas such as advocacy and community collaboration. Adele recommended a book, *Before the Ballot* by John Christmas and Patrick P.C. Sweeney, and asked the Board to review the strategic plan for discussion at a future meeting.

#### Midview Board of Education Meeting

John Dixon watched the school board meeting in January but reported difficulty understanding the proceedings due to poor audio and video quality. Ted Schriver agreed to attend the next meeting in February. In addition, Evelyn Hemmingsen plans to attend in April, May, and October; Katie Gillespie in June; and John Dixon in July.

#### Adjournment

Joe Urig called for adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:44 pm.

  
Chairperson

  
Attest