

UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

President Young called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. Members of the Board present: Trustee Ruby J. Giddings, Trustee Sheryl L. Jones-Harper, Trustee Jewell A. Thompson, Trustee Phyllis M. Saunders, Trustee Deborah J. Stroud, and Trustee James W. Young. Also present, Library Director, Tracy Ducksworth and resident Mary Truss. Absent: Trustee Debra Taylor.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Trustee Stroud to approve the agenda. Trustee Giddings seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abs: 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Trustee Saunders to accept the regular meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2023 with corrections to acknowledge Trustee James W. Young did not have a report. Trustee Stroud seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abs: 0

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

It was moved by Trustee Jones Harper to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2023. Trustee Saunders seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Ayes: Trustee Ruby J. Giddings, Trustee Sheryl L. Jones-Harper, Trustee Jewell A. Thompson, Trustee Phyllis M. Saunders, Trustee Deborah J. Stroud, and Trustee James W. Young Nays: 0, Abs: 0.

It was moved by Trustee Jones-Harper to accept the accounts payables list for March 2023 in the amount of \$19,607.71. Trustee Thompson seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Ayes: Trustee Ruby J. Giddings, Trustee Sheryl L. Jones-Harper, Trustee Jewell A. Thompson, Trustee Phyllis M. Saunders, Trustee Deborah J. Stroud, and Trustee James W. Young. Nays 0, Abs: 0.

It was moved by Trustee Jones-Harper to transfer \$40,000 from Old Second Money Market to Old Second General Checking for March 2023 accounts payable and two payrolls, Trustee Thompson seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Ayes: Trustee Ruby J. Giddings, Trustee Sheryl L. Jones-Harper, Trustee Jewell A. Thompson, Trustee Phyllis M. Saunders, Trustee Deborah J. Stroud, and Trustee James W. Young. Nays: 0, Abs: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Mary Truss voiced concerns about the role in the library and educating residents about the election process. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and believes a forum should be held at the library.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION:

President Young announced Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity academic scholarships were available. The application is available to all high school students who qualify and can be found on the Theta Mu Lambda Charitable Foundation website. Deadline is 3/31/2023.

Director Ducksworth provided overview of upcoming programs as well a recap of outreach initiatives and possible summer programming such as a trip to Navy Pier to ride on the "Tall Ship". She also informed the board that she would be attending "Director's University" April 11-13, 2023 being held in Springfield, IL.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Renovation: RTU unit matter is being handled by Independent Construction, LLC.

Director Ducksworth reported that a meeting was scheduled with Knudsen Construction to review the last of items to be completed by the company.

Grand Opening, Wed., April 5, 2023: The board chose Scrementi's as the caterer to service the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Landscaping proposal submitted by J. Ruiz Construction was tabled for the next meeting. Two more proposals are required before vendor selection can approved.

Audit FY2022: It was moved by Trustee Thompson to approve the Audit for FY2022 submitted by O'Neill-Gaspardo, LLC. Trustee Giddings seconded. Motion carried by roll call. Ayes: Trustee Ruby J. Giddings, Trustee Sheryl L. Jones-Harper, Trustee Jewell A. Thompson, Trustee Phyllis M. Saunders, Trustee Deborah J. Stroud, and Trustee James W. Young. Nays: 0, Abs: 0.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Trustee Stroud to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Trustee Giddings seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Abs: 0.

Respectfully submitted

T. Ducksworth
Executive Director