

MINUTES

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

20 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Planning and Operations Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Held in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Library

February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Renaldi at 7:09p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Anita DeFrank, Alexandra Hanba, Danielle Powers, Lauren Rapisand (via telephone),
Theresa Renaldi, Gregg Rusk, David Somheil, Deepika Thiagarajan
Others Present: Joanna Bertucci, Library Director; Angela Berger, John Priala, Joan Wrenn, Library staff

Trustee Renaldi made a

MOTION: to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024

Trustee Somheil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: De Frank, Hanba, Powers, Rapisand, Renaldi, Rusk, Somheil, Thiagarajan

Motion passed

TASK CALENDAR REVIEW AND UPDATE

Director Bertucci reviewed the status of tasks for February, noting that tasks are being completed on schedule.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REVIEW

Director Bertucci reviewed the report beginning on page 6 of the packet that looks at FY23 operational statistics compared with those of prior years and also with those from comparable libraries.

In reviewing 2023 stats with those from prior years, Director Bertucci noted that circulation increased by 9% over prior year with physical circulation flat and digital circulation up 54%. Door counts for 2023 exceed those of 2022 by nearly 20% and exceed pre-pandemic levels for the first time. Also noted were program attendance statistics and increased usage of the Studio and Media Lab.

Director Bertucci then reviewed the Library's statistics as compared with those of comparable area libraries. Noted was that PRPL continues to be an excellent value for taxpayer dollars based on comparison of tax rates and operating expenditures with those of comparable libraries. Another comparison to note is that of PRPL's cost per circulation of \$5.33 per item which compares quite favorably to other libraries. Physical item circulation per square foot is 25% more than that of the closest comparably sized library.

Treasurer Rusk expressed his appreciation for having access to this data and asked about funding for increased digital resources if the trend of growth in that area continues. Director Bertucci replied that staff will be looking at usage of physical collections that may be trending downward as a possible source of additional funding for the digital collections. Staff will also be looking at usage of databases and the related cost/usage.

The committee discussed possible ways to best use the data from this analysis in communications with stakeholders.

OTHER

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.