

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2023 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 2. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Before the meeting was called to order, President John Lamberti stated that due to Governor Pritzker’s disaster declaration 2023-02 related to public health concerns and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that an in-person meeting would not be prudent or practical and that this meeting would be held remotely. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President John Lamberti. Present were President John Lamberti, Trustee Darla Woods, Trustee Stephanie Pedersen, Vice President Elizabeth Hunter and Secretary Christine Kuffel; Treasurer Greg Christoff arrived at 7:39 PM. Absent was Trustee Shannon Flint. Also present were Director Fidencio Marbella, Assistant Director Kris Jacobson, Adult Services Manager Patrick Callaghan and Circulation/Technical Services Manager Ryan Flores. Board Member applicant Ryan Wright briefly joined the meeting at 7:14 PM.

**3. Public Comment** – No public comment.

**4. Discussion Items**

- A. Library Improvements** –Director Marbella updated the board on the issues with the Lego wall. Some of the squares are not lining up with the manufacturer blaming the installation and the contractor blaming the manufacturer. The best option may be replacing the entire Lego wall with one assembled at the Knudsen shops. The Adult department’s birding programs are drawing some nice interest with about twenty patrons signed up so far.
- B. Department Manager Reports** – Tech Services Manager Flores reported on a pause for acquisitions until after the start of the new fiscal year. Youth Services Manager Jacobson said Youth is gearing up for summer reading by visiting the local schools. Teen Librarian Montanna and Adult Librarians Heidi and Zoe are attending the Forest Preserve kayaking training. Adult Services Manager Callaghan said the first bingo night was successful with patrons already asking for more sessions. In May they’re also scheduling a Tai Chi for Seniors program.
- C. FY 2023-2024 Non-Resident Fee Resolution 2023-01** – Director Marbella explained how the \$190 non-resident fee was calculated and to whom that would apply.
- D. Library Board Appointments** – With the election over, three board members were elected and with the one board member whose term is unexpired, the library will have four board members. Existing board members may serve until a replacement is named, which may include themselves. An executive session will be scheduled on April 24 to discuss board appointments, including a new applicant.
- E. Library Board Officers Election in May** – Director Marbella reminded the board that at the May regular meeting the board will have to elect their new officers.

**5. Unfinished Business**

- A. Guaranteed Paid Leave Act** – Director Marbella reviewed the newly passed *Paid Leave for All Workers Act* and its implications for the library.

**6. Board Member Comments**– none

**7. Public Comment**–none

8. **Executive Session** – President Lamberti motioned that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the library director’s annual review pursuant to Section 2. (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, seconded by Secretary Kuffel, roll call vote was taken with President Lamberti, Vice President Hunter, Secretary Kuffel, Treasurer Christoff, Trustee Woods and Trustee Pedersen aye, 0 nay, 1 absent and the board entered Executive Session at 7:47 PM.  
At 7:59 PM the board concluded their Executive Session and reentered Open Session.
9. **Adjournment** –President Lamberti motioned to adjourn, seconded by Secretary Kuffel, roll call vote was taken with President Lamberti, Vice President Hunter, Secretary Kuffel, Treasurer Christoff, Trustee Woods and Trustee Pedersen aye, 0 nay, 1 absent, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

**Submitted by Fidencio Marbella, Director, Westchester Public Library**