



CITY OF OAK PARK

OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Oak Park Public Library- Library Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Mar 18, 2025 @ 6:30 Executive Conference Room in City Hall

- I. Call to Order – 6:31
 - II. Roll Call :
Noson Daitchman - Present
Cheryl Daniel - Present
Solomon Radner - Present
Ken Sherman - Present
Leslye Richie - Not present
Zakiya Hollifield - Present
Hilery Cash - Present
 - III. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Ken
Second by Zakiya
 - IV. Approval of Feb 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Cheryl
Second by Hilery
 - V. Public Comment – 3 minutes maximum
No public present
 - VI. City Manager's Report
 - VII. Treasurer's Report
Motion by Ken to approve \$8,728.11 for February bills.
Second by Zakiya
Roll Call:
Noson – Y
Solomon – Y
Cheryl – Y
Ken – Y
Zakiya – Y
Hilery - Y
 - VIII. Library Director Report – Kimberly Schaaf
- Events:**
- February 21 – party for Langston Hughes based on the picture book by Jason Reynolds / partnering with Center for Success Network was a great success. Around 100 people attended, and many reported enjoying the event.
 - Technology instruction classes: iPhone, Android coming end of March

- Puzzle contest sponsored by Friends of the Library in January went well
- History helpers on March 12 was a huge success. Participants were long-time residents and former City employees. They had a wealth of information about the photos and their participation and input will make our online archives more detailed and more searchable.
- Youth vision screening in March (with Lions partnership) had 12 kids; 2 vision issues identified.
- Weekly toddler playgroup started in Feb in youth area has been popular.
- DIA field trip on March 23 is full.
- March 9 / Hosted a nonprofit youth dance group to perform The Giving Tree based on the book.
- Two author visits coming in April:
April 8 - The Grand Bargain (Judge Gerald Rosen), book about Detroit Bankruptcy.
April 30 – Rita Woods, speculative fiction author coming with partner Book Beat.

Library / Building Happenings:

- Oak Park was chosen as a Michigan Notable Book Tour stop. Author and artist, Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr. will be talking about his book Citizen Printer, featuring his artwork on June 25.
- Some of the chairs that were discussed in the previous meeting have been ordered.
- Dog inspections continue according to PM plan; No findings.

Staff-Related News:

- We hired a new Community Services and Reference Manager: Welcome, Emily Schwartz!

Incidents:

- One instance of vulgar language toward a staff member. Security asked the person to leave and they complied without further incident and have not returned.

A. Statistics – Kimberly answered questions about category definitions

IX. Committee Reports – Strategic Goals Committee - Tabled

X. Old Business

A. Afterschool Safety – No violent incidents this year to date. Topic of eliminating afterschool call-for-service period discussed. Security to remain.

B. Website / Logo – Update – In talks with City

C. CIA Capture – Deferring to City Manager

D. LEO Grant – May Notification now instead of March

E. Budget Review / FY25-26/26-27/27-28 – Distributed preliminary budgets with understanding that they may be subject to change. Discussed overall changes. Examined fund balance. Preparing to vote on budget at April meeting.

XI. New Business

A. DEI – City / Library / Fed Impact (Topic raised @ Feb 18 meeting)

Library not currently affected; however, services that may be removed include the following: State-wide borrowing and State-wide databases (Mel.org), staff professional development opportunities, grant opportunities, e-Rate reimbursement.

B. Welcome, New Council Liaison, Council Member Solomon Radner

C. New Community Services and Reference Manager @ Library

We welcomed Emily Schwartz in March and are happy to have her become part of the team!

D. New Assistant City Manager to Community Services @ City

Welcome, Adam!

XII. Friends of the Library Report

The Friends participation is low. In May there will be a volunteer round-up right before the book sale. They had a bag-of-books sale last week and made around \$240.

XIII. Adjournment – 7:48

Ken made motion

Hilery seconded

Next meeting: April 15, 2025 / 6:30