

**Bensenville Community Public Library Board Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees of the Bensenville Community Public Library District held a Regular Meeting on Monday October 24, 2022. President Linda Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Trustees Present:** Linda Weiss, Mandi Zalewski, Tina Lux, Kathy Quinn,  
Susan Earley, Ciuinal Lewis

**Trustees Absent:** Consuelo Cabral-Marquez

The Chair verified the existence of a quorum.

**Also Present:** Chris Sloan, Sue Feddersen, Tekolya Brown, Samantha Parkison, Bill Stephens

**Also Present:** Martha Rojas, Raul Rojas, Michele Janovsky, Sandra Nevarez, Mayra Esparza,  
Irene Favela, Delia Felix, Adalberto Fierro, Noemi Castaneda, Lizeth Rivera,  
Matlilde Vazgrez, Maria Villegas, Mario R De Jesus, Maricela De Jesus,  
Aveli Exconde, Teresa Salinas, Silvia M. Marquez, Maria E Bautista,  
Eddie Ramos, Johanna Ramos, Angel Martinez, Yadiza Martinez,  
Maricela De Jesus

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS**

Sandra Navarez- spoke against the book Gender Queer currently in the Youth Services Department. She referenced several illustrations of sexual acts contained within the book and stated that she feels it is inappropriate to have it in the children's section. She also felt that Director Sloan did not handle her concerns appropriately. She stated that she will hold the Library liable for violating her rights as a parent by exposing her kids to such materials.

Mayra Esparza- was very happy with the Library but is now concerned that her daughter who is nine years old but reading at a 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, could potentially access this book. She feels the book is pornographic.

Gentleman1- wants to know who allowed this book in the children's area. He feels the book is against his values and how he wants to guide his children.

Woman1- feels the book is not appropriate for young children.

Gentleman 2 – Agrees with everyone, has a background in psychology, feels children are not mentally prepared for such images.

Gentleman 3- Wants to know why are children not better educated about this material.

Woman 3- Feels afraid to let her children to peruse books in the children's area unattended.

Gentleman 4- Resident for 20 years, feels book will encourage illegal and inappropriate behaviors.

Woman 4- Asks "Why there is porn in the library?"

Woman 5 - Has special needs child at Blackhawk; Kids are encouraged to come to the Library after school activities. Said all children develop and mature differently. Feels the book is dangerous. She can only control what materials he can access when she is with him, but cannot when she is not.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion:** Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting and The Public Hearing meeting, Seconded by Lux.

#### **Roll Call:**

Aye:	Lux, Zalewski, Quinn, Earley, Lewis, Weiss
Nay:	None
Absent:	Cabral-Marquez
Abstain:	None

Motion approved and carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF CHECK LISTING:**

**Motion:** Earley moved to approve checks from October1-31, 2022 for a total amount of \$146,874.24 Seconded by Quinn.

#### **Roll Call:**

Aye: Lux, Zalewski, Quinn,  
Earley, Lewis, Weiss  
Nay: None  
Absent: Cabral-Marquez  
Abstain: None

Motion approved and carried unanimously.

The Chair directed the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2022 filed for audit.

### **AMENDMENT TO NON- RESIDENT CIRCULATION AND BORROWING POLICIES**

Providing cards for children that are on a free or reduced lunch and not paying taxes to the Library District. This also applies to disabled veterans and their spouses.

**Motion:** Lewis moved to approve the Amendment to Non-Resident Circulation and Borrowing Policies  
Seconded by Lux.

#### **Roll Call:**

Aye: Lux, Zalewski, Quinn,  
Earley, Lewis, Weiss  
Nay: None  
Absent: Cabral-Marquez  
Abstain: None

Motion approved and carried unanimously.

### **CHANGE DATE FO DECEMBER 26, 2022 MEETING TO DECEMBER 19, 2022 DUE TO HOLIDAY**

**Motion:** Earley moved to change the December 26, 2022 meeting to December 19, 2022 due to holiday.  
Seconded by Quinn.

#### **Roll Call:**

Aye: Lux, Zalewski, Quinn,  
Earley, Lewis, Weiss  
Nay: None  
Absent: Cabral-Marquez  
Abstain: None

Motion approved and carried unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION**

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### **REVIEW OF POLICY MANUAL SECTION 4: PERSONNEL CODE PT. 1**

Will formalize semi annual review process and revise.

#### **James Rachlin Presentation:**

Rachlin explained that fund balances are at 100% of expenditures. He gave suggestions for more potential investment plan. The range of investments are going to be very safe, don't have money to risk. Wants to substitute current policy to something more specific. Don't want to invest too heavily in one area. Taxes come in June and September. Interest rates have been increasing for investments. Invest unused funds for a year as treasuries or CD's. The money is available if needed. Investments authorized are restricted to safe and conservative types (securities, interest bearing savings accounts, mutual funds, CD's etc.). Add a diversification clause to policy, as well as maximum maturities. Collateralization of deposits to 103%. Require sustainability goals for investments.

#### **THOUGHTS REGARDING JAMES RACHLIN PRESENTATION AND AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL POLICY:**

Trustees thought that presentation was thorough and logical. Rachlin explains complex topics in a comprehensible manner.

#### **TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLASSIFICATION:**

This is a decision for Sloan and the Staff. They can respond within 21 days to decide and reply to the resident.

The current suggestion is to relocate the book from the Young Adult section to the Adult Section.

#### **STORY WALK INSTALLATION:**

Materials are in, and Stanek is ready to put in the ground. Will need to coordinate with landscaping company to ensure no plants are ruined. He will also replace benches at the same time.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN- BOARD RETREAT ON SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2022**

Trustees can put this on the calendar. Time is set for 8:30am to 11:30am.

## **INFORMATION**

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**LIBRARY STAFF REPORT:**

No comments.

**BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

No Meetings until November.

**RAILS/SWAN:**

The next Fireside Chat is October 25, 2022.

Aspen has been updated.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT**

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**ADULT SERVICES REPORT:**

Nosferatu is Tuesday October 25, 2022 at 7:00pm

Watercolors for Relaxation will be held November 15, 2022 at 7:00pm

**YOUTH SERVICES REPORT:**

Donna Block was hired as the new Youth Services Coordinator.

Boo-Tacular will be held Friday October 28, 2022.

Youth Services staff member Stephanie Colletti is in charge of this event.

**MARKETING UPDATE:**

Doing a final push with a Facebook post for patrons to complete the community survey.

157 surveys have been completed so far.

Feddersen and Parkison presented at ILA

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Bensenville tree lighting is November 20, 2022.

The Garden Club of Bensenville will decorate the Allan Devitt and Susan Diamond memorial tree located at the front entrance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION:** Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Seconded by Lux.

**Roll Call:**

Aye: Lux, Zalewski, Quinn,

	Earley, Lewis Weiss
Nay:	None
Absent:	Cabral-Marquez
Abstain:	None

Motion approved and carried unanimously.

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Mandi Zalewski, Secretary