

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
March 19, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Secretary Krupicka called the roll.

Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab

Absent: none

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Jill Yott, Gail Graziani,
T.J. Szafranski

Others: none

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Krupicka read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

Birmingham introduced our new Head of Technology & Maker Services, Sharon Byerly, to the Board. Sharon thanked the staff for being so kind and welcoming. She is very excited about the opportunity to work here.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Kelly to Birmingham re: Networking Luncheon

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 19, 2025

2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills

3. Close the Library for Staff Institute, September 26, 2025

Damon moved, Raftis seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none.
Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

The Board continued with item 1 of Unfinished Business, Logo Refresh. Yott left at 6:45 p.m. and the Board continued with the staff report. Graziani and Szafranski left at 7 p.m. and the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.

G. Library Director's Report

H. Department Reports

Lawson recapped her written report from the packet. Our tenet migration has been delayed several times due to Microsoft issues. Palmisano is anxious to see what the turnout will be at our upcoming Trades Fair. Birmingham noted that this is the first time we are hosting the event – it was a great idea proposed by Programming & Outreach Specialist, Kate Kresek.

I. Staff Report - Gail Graziani, Head of Resource Services and T.J. Szafranski, Resource Services Senior Librarian, demonstrated some of our online resources. The digital sources we provide benefit our guests by providing up-to-date information on a wide range of topics. And they are almost all available from home, 24/7. It's a robust collection including topics related to business, career & technical skills, consumers, creativity, genealogy, health, legal issues, newspapers, research, and students.

J. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - backup in packet.
2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
3. Finance Committee – no report
4. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
5. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business

1. Logo Refresh – At the February meeting, Yott presented the logos created by the graphic artist. The Board asked to see font/design options for two of the logos. Tonight Yott returned with modifications from the graphic artist and the Trustees chose their two favorite options. There was consensus on one of the options. The graphic artist will move forward on tweaking the Board's selection.

New Business

1. Solar Study – Lawson reviewed her research on the costs and benefits associated with installing rooftop solar panels at the library. She has been looking into this as a potential way to lower our monthly electric bill. We would still be connected to the grid but the panels would supplement our electricity consumption. Lawson received estimated numbers from ComEd that don't include upfront costs. First a building assessment would need to be performed by professional electricians and structural engineers in order to identify what work needs to be done on our building's infrastructure. Only one solar company (out of at least ten) expressed a willingness to perform a building assessment at a cost of \$10,000. Lawson asked the Board if they want her to pursue the matter. The Board appreciated the research. They would like to explore other ways that the library could become more cost efficient and responsible (i.e. windows).

L. Meetings Scheduled

Policy Committee – April 29 at 5:30
Building & Grounds Committee - May 28 at 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee - June 3 at 5:30 p.m.

M. Adjournment

At 7:45p.m. Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Marian Krupicka, Secretary