

Indian Prairie Public Library District
Planning and Outreach Committee Minutes
January 24, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Call the meeting to order 5:43

Present: Megaridis, Rao, Rodriguez, Krupicka, Birmingham

The group reviewed ILA's Advocacy Toolkit.

Megaridis said she would like the committee to develop some long term goals for trustees.

The group discussed the role of the trustees in advocacy. It was suggested that a calendar of community meetings be developed and trustees take turns attending meetings at least once a year. Megaridis suggested that trustees start attending the local Chamber of Commerce meetings.

The group reviewed the library's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Initiatives. There were several ideas on many of the initiatives:

- The group discussed ways to support people that speak languages other than English.
- The group said that a representative from our board should make a personal visit to new legislators.
- The Board should always recognize any community accomplishments and trustees should represent the library at special events.
- When we have a large concert or program – introduce trustees that are in attendance and give them a chance to say a few words.

The group discussed next steps:

- Training the other trustees – do a short brainstorming with the whole board (March).
- Develop a meeting calendar. Government meetings is priority to start.
- The library should provide “talking points” for trustees when they start attending meetings.
- The library should create a “Fact Sheet” (annual budget, how many people on staff, sq. footage, other “trivia” about the library).

The committee adjourned at 6:45