



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Trustee Wesley Warren (5:34 PM)
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre

Others present:

- Mary Armstrong, President, Friends of the Shorewood Public Library
- Annmarie Baumgartner, Senior Director of Donor Services, Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Kim Schultz, Philanthropic Adviser, Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Excused:

- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos

1. **Call to Order:** President Smucker called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
2. **Statement of Public Notice:** President Smucker confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Consent Agenda:** Vice President Espera moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the April 9, 2025 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Linnane seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
5. **Information: Greater Milwaukee Foundation Update - Annmarie Baumgartner & Kim Schultz**

Ms. Baumgartner presented a brief history of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) and its philanthropic endeavors and community foundation priorities. She expressed gratitude for the partnership with Shorewood Public Library.

Ms. Schultz talked about the GMF investment philosophy and their work with nonprofit agencies with a goal to sustain longevity of organizations. She stated that their investment approach is disciplined, risk averse, and long-term focused.

Monthly performance reports are available on the GMF website.

President Smucker noted that going forward there will be a change in method of requesting GMF funds. Now, money will be requested after purchases are made. He went through a brief overview of the process: the Director of Library Services proposes spending, the board approves, and a form is shared with GMF to confirm that the funds are being used in line with the outlined gift agreement.

Ms. Schultz confirmed that money can go back into GMF if too much has been withdrawn.

6. **Information: Library Statistics**

Assistant Director Weckwerth noted that apart from the Member Reserve Fund Net Positive Transactions confirmed that statistics are up across the board compared to last month.

7. **Information: Assistant Director's Report**

- **Great Library Treasure Hunt Concludes:** The Milwaukee County Federated Library System's Great Library Treasure Hunt wrapped May 3, 2025. The treasure hunt was a scavenger hunt-style event that encouraged participants to visit multiple libraries to get their maps stamped for a chance to win prizes. Over the course of the hunt, 701 maps were stamped at Shorewood Public Library.
- **Peeps Diorama Contest Voting Underway:** Voting is underway in the library's second annual PEEPS Diorama contest to determine this year's winners in five categories: adult, teen, child, mixed ages, and Shorewood Village department. All entries are now on display and voting is open from May 12th-24th. A big shout out to Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre for once again coordinating this year's contest.
- **New After School Initiatives:** Shorewood Public Library has been and remains a bastion of activity immediately following the school day. In an effort to give students some alternative outlets to expend energies and explore creativities, Youth Services Librarian Abigail Ott has introduced a variety of new after school activities:
 - **LEGO CLUB:** Occurring every other Monday at 3:30 PM., Lego Club invites future architects to build awesome creations using the library's LEGO collection.
 - **SWITCH GAMING LAB:** Every other Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 PM, Switch Gaming Lab is an invitation to an afternoon of friendly switch gaming competition. The program is geared for children ages 8-11.
 - **FRENCH CLUB:** French Club for Kids, geared towards children ages 6-12, is being held every other Thursday at 3:30 PM. It is hosted and taught by Madame Diane, an experienced French instructor from the Milwaukee area.
- In addition to these new after school activities, Inclusive Services Librarian Quinn Krebsbach has been facilitating the library's **Tween & Teen Anime Club**.

- **WAPL Conference:** Virtual Engagement Librarian Megan Lohrenz and Youth Services Librarian Abigail Ott were able to attend the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries Conference in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

8. **Information: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Federal Library Funding Update**

Assistant Director Weckwerth provided a brief overview of the impact of President Trump's March 31, 2025 executive order which seeks to dismantle "to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law" the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS is an agency that has provided federal funding for libraries and museums going back decades. The majority of this funding is awarded through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program.

In the State of Wisconsin, public library systems have united to create an advocacy campaign titled "Speak up for Libraries." The informational campaign is aimed at:

- Educating the public about what IMLS does
- An emphasis on positive messaging
- A postcard campaign

9. **Information: Nominating Committee**

Trustee Linnane reported that at their April 28, 2025 meeting, the Nominating Committee reviewed applicants for the upcoming library board vacancy, and the committee recommended a candidate for appointment. The committee noted this candidate's previous budget experience as one of the determining factors in putting forth a recommendation.

The Village Judiciary, Personnel and Licensing Committee will vote on that recommendation at their Monday, May 19, 2025 meeting, and there will likely be a new library board trustee in place by June. The Village will also reappoint Trustee Linnane at the same meeting.

The group then reviewed the process for upcoming officer elections which will take place at the June meeting of the full library board.

10. **Information: Upcoming June Officer Election**

The Nominating Committee will bring forth a slate of nominees for President and Vice President at the June library board meeting.

11. **INFORMATION: Trustee Essentials Handbook *Chapter 19: Director Certification***

12. **Items for Future Consideration**

13. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre on the 15th day of May, 2025