

MINUTES - DRAFT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEKALB PUBLIC LIBRARY
BILDER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Cleland, Bill Garver, Rebecca Hunt, Leslie Metz, Gary Vander Meer, Kelli Meserole
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Richter, India Washington, Jennifer Salmon
LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Emily Faulkner, Chelsea Racine
GUESTS PRESENT: Keri Acevedo

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Hunt at 7:01 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Facilitator Keri Acevedo introduced herself, and Director Emily Faulkner reviewed the materials she had provided to board members prior to the meeting: a copy of the 2019 strategic plan, an overview of local and national library trends, and recently obtained survey results, obtained from 97 community members and 37 staff. The small sample size of community members was noted, but the survey results were deemed valid. Responses were largely positive, and provided a starting point for discussion about revising the goals and sub-points in the mission statement.

Acevedo began a discussion reviewing the 2019 strategic plan, asking if any goals were left unmet. Faulkner listed engaging volunteers, and utilizing community expertise as two goals that had not received enough focus. COVID was noted as having been a hindrance to achieving these goals.

Staff and Board members discussed diversity, equity, and inclusion, and decided that these terms should be built into goals and sub-points within the entire strategic plan, rather a separate point.

Board members updated language in several goals and sub-points in the strategic plan, including language focusing on extending library services to more individuals, making library resources more widely known, spotlighting community expertise and engaging community partners, growing and supporting the volunteer program, and making the library a destination and valued community center.

Acevedo focused attention on the local and national trends, and Board members discussed adding language about combating disinformation and censorship to the strategic plan.

Acevedo summarized the discussion, reviewed the notes taken, and asked for any final additions.

Faulkner laid out her plan to work with Acevedo to write an updated version of the strategic plan based on the discussion and notes taken, and stated plans for a follow-up meeting in April to review and edit the updated plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Vander Meer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Meserole. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.