

Palos Heights Library Board Meeting

April 17, 2025 Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Rose Zubik. The following trustees were present: Diane Key, John Peltz, Hilary Rhodes, Rose Zubik (also acting President), Sue Jankowski, and Patrick Keough. Steve Foertsch and President Susan Snow were absent.
2. Also present were Jesse Blazek, Library Director, Terry Fleckenstein, Business Manager, Tina Ruzala, Head of Youth & Teen Services and Carla Dinnocenzo, Assistant Head of Youth & Teen Services.
3. Presentation by **Carla Dinnocenzo**, Assistant Head of Youth & Teen Services
Carla has known her whole life she wanted to work with kids! At our library, she works on outreach with the community, including both PH school districts 118 and 128. Some highlights of her job include leading the baby storytimes and working with the FabLab programs. She is a well qualified addition to the team since 2020!
4. No members of the public attended and there was no public comment.
5. Trustee Peltz moved to approve the minutes of the March regular board meeting and Trustee Key seconded. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Treasurer Peltz moved to approve the General Fund bills for March 2025 for \$157,985.27. His motion was seconded by Trustee Key. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer Peltz moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2025. His motion was seconded by Trustee Keough. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.
7. There was no President's report.
8. **Director's Report:** In addition to Jesse Blazek's written report:
 - a. Reminder to complete Cook County Clerk's office Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) if trustees haven't already
 - b. Alexi Giannoulis (Illinois Secretary of State) is working on new legislation to give grants to libraries for updated security
 - c. Jalal in tech services will increase hours - from 19 hours to 28 hours - great asset to the department
 - d. Bethshan – housing for adults with mental disabilities in unincorporated Palos Heights – requested access to library cards without purchasing a non-resident card for each resident. Discussion about what might be the

best approach to this - both legally and procedurally

- e. Handed out the new Illinois Library Laws & Rules books to every trustee
 - f. Follow up to last month's discussion about the Ramadan storytime - Tina was able to attend this latest storytime and everything was within our policies and guidelines
9. There was no correspondence.
 10. There were no committee reports.
 11. There was no new business.
 12. On a motion by Trustee Key and a second by Trustee Keough, Vice President Zubik adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.
 13. The next board meeting is Thursday, May 15th at 7:00pm.