

## **OPPL Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

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Oak Park Public Library Board Room

November 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Observer: Mary Rose Lambke

OPPL Trustees: Matthew Baron, Ted Foss, Win Fox, Matt Fruth, Janet Kelenson, Carmenza Millan, and Bruce Samuels. (All trustees were present eventually, as J. Kelenson had another meeting earlier.)

OPPL Staff: David Seleb, Cyndee Landrum, James Madigan, Rita Earle. The meeting opened with two significant trustee comments. Trustee Foss commented on a Harper's Magazine PEW report stating that 1 in 4 Americans would feel the pinch of their library's closure. Executive Director Seleb reported that OPPL will host the Hemingway Foundation's annual meeting at the Library, July 23, 2016. Trustee Baron reported Rep. Ford will participate in the OPPL Open House on Nov. 18, which will celebrate the opening of the three new study rooms which were built with funds the representative helped obtain.

Visitor comments were from Lisa Siegel and Angela Larson who made a presentation regarding the issue of OPPL's commitment to print media. Using graphics handed to all trustees, their case was made regarding the perception that OPPL no longer uses print funds for book purchases, and more importantly the issue of access for all residents. This is their second visit and the board will discuss their points and get back to them.

+OPPL will be doing a capital assets study next year to plan for future needs to infrastructure.

+The roll call vote on the 2016 budget, after 3 meetings and much discussion, was unanimously accepted.

+The policy on institutional data collection is being reviewed even as laws exist to protect library patrons; and there is a shared data structure among institutions.

+The 2016 Strategic Plan will be voted on in December.

+For discussion is an I-GOV agreement with VOP regarding OPPL employees parking at the Avenue Garage, to be subsidized for 5 years and then reevaluated at that time.

+The OP Park District has invited all VOP units to participate in a feasibility study for a Community Recreation Center, to conduct a needs assessment involving all VOP units. Trustee Foss agreed to be the OPPL representative.

LWVOPRF Observer left at 9:30 p.m.