

**ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE COFFEE WITH THE BOARD EVENT  
NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The event began at 10:30 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Six (6) Trustees were present for the event: President, Katie Smith; Vice President, Terrell Barnes; Secretary, Mike Harrington; Treasurer, Monika Nasiadka; Trustee, Len Baumgart; and Trustee, Sue Harold. Executive Director, Samantha Johnson was present. Three (3) residents were also in attendance.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED**

- Recent virtual library program on book challenges in Illinois: one of the residents had attended and enjoyed the program and wanted to know more about the Library's experience with book challenges. Issues experienced at neighboring libraires were also brought up.
- Library funding: a resident wanted to know more about the health of the Library's funding, whether there is a likelihood of having to cut program funding if multiple building issues happened in a year? Another person wanted to know about how the library can raise money in ways other than a referendum.
- Status on the Library referendum: a resident wanted to know what happens next. Trustees noted that the next election was too soon to try again and that they were looking at later options with November 2024 being the earliest in consideration.
- New Library Design: a resident noted they felt torn during the last referendum because they liked what the design included on the inside but did not like the outside appearance. They added their hope that the Library Board is open to making modifications and trying again. Another resident noted they were onboard with the design as presented but that as long as the community gets everything that was on the inside the exterior was less important.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The event concluded at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Mike Harrington  
Minutes Approved: Secretary

1/24/2024  
Date