

Secretary's Report

The members of the Groff Memorial Public Library's Board of Directors met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tues., March 10th. President Brock called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. At roll call those presents were: Brock, Blood, Mosberger, Bova, Browning, DeStefano. Absent were: Clark, Morris, Pierson. There were no visitors. With prior reading of the Secretary's report for the January 13th, 2026 meeting, DeStefano motioned, Blood seconded & motioned carried unanimously to accept as presented. In the Treasurer's absence, Rister gave the treasurer's report with Browning motioning, DeStefano seconding & motion carrying unanimously to accept as presented. Rister then gave the Director's report noting library programs & outreach, the seed library beginning, update on annex, State filings & current staff projects.

In Old Business, Rister related the City's request that we make changes to the library's previously passed budget. After discussion DeStefano motioned, Bova seconded & motion carried unanimously to accept the new budget Clark & Rister created & presented to the City.

In New Business, Rister relayed the CD will mature May 31st. As this is between board meetings, & after discussion, Bova motioned, Browning seconded & motion carried unanimously to roll the CD to the best rate at maturity. Next, Rister handed out the Sexual Harassment Prevention training materials & Statements of Economic Interest to be filled out & returned. The first reading of the proposed Bylaw change was given by Rister. This would adopt the 75 ILCS 5/4-4 Illinois Combined Statute regarding filling Board member vacancies in regard to dereliction of duty. DeStefano motioned, Browning seconded & motion carried unanimously to accept the second reading. With the resignation of Dale Mosberger & Linda Bova from the Board, replacements were discussed. After discussion, Blood motioned, Bova seconded & motion carried unanimously for Rister to contact Tim & Becky Alcorn, Jamie Compton & Morgan DiMaggio one at a time to see if any would be interested, & if so, invite them to become Board members. With the new fiscal year starting in May, officers were discussed. The proposed slate was as follows: Brock – President; Blood Vice-president; Clark – Treasurer; DeStefano – Secretary. Bova motioned, Browning seconded & motion carried unanimously to elect these officers for FY2026/27. Rister will let the City know regarding the officers & when new board members accept upon contact. The yearly quote from K & K Landscaping was discussed, including Spring, Summer & Fall maintenance for \$1,708.62. Browning motioned, DeStefano seconded & motion carried unanimously to accept the estimate. Rister then presented a fund request for "Slime, Scale & Slither", a reptile & amphibian program, presented by Jeremy Schumacher for youth during summer reading at a cost of \$300. Browning motioned, Bova seconded & motion carried unanimously to fund this program. Rister then relayed that the Library would be purchasing t-shirts for staff with the library's logos to be worn at events. She asked if any Board members would be interested in personally purchasing themselves t-shirts; all agreed they would, & sizes/colors were recorded. Next, the cracked window in the foyer was addressed. Rister is to get a quote from Happe Construction, the Library's builder, for replacing & Browning would speak to the police to see if a police report was needed. Finally, the request by Orkin to place a rodent bait station at doorways at the price of \$60 each was considered. After discussion, Rister is to contact Orkin & see if a cheaper price can be given.

Finally in Other Business, the Library received a request from documentary photographer Stephen Kennedy to include Groff Library in his documentary project, Six One Eight Illinois Libraries. This would entail filming in the Library to "respectfully photograph the library space, its atmosphere, & the ways people interact within it." Rister relayed that she had spoken to other Directors who have been included, & all relayed it had been a very positive & professional experience. After discussion, DeStefano motioned, Browning seconded & motion carried unanimously to allow Kennedy this access with the restriction that he would need to ask patrons' permission to film/photograph them.

With no further business/announcements, Bova motioned, DeStefano seconded & motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Mosberger