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Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025

Ms. Riales, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Present:

Ms. Felicia Chase
Ms. Mary Clements
Ms. Constance Riales
Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Mr. Reginald Stewart

Absent: Ms. Maria Perez

Also in attendance: Director Heather Montilla, Administrative Assistant Lili Savage and Library Attorney Dee Jarad (via phone). One community member present.

Public Comment: None

Presentation by Lissett Lacoyo from Providence Bank on a proposal for BPL for CDARS.

President Riales asked for a moment of silence for Tony Morton District 88 School Board Trustee that passed on March 10, 2025.

A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Ms. Clements to approve the meeting minutes for February 11, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES:5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT:1: Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

Finance Committee Report:

Ms. Clements gave the finance report that included Reports of Bills: #855, 855-A, & 855-B. The following reports of bills were submitted, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

#855 (Bill List) in the amount of	\$ 46,932.21
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#855-A (Payroll) in the amount of	\$ 76, 059.39
#855-B (Checking) in the amount of	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 122, 991.60

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Clements for approval of Bills-Reports #855, 855-A, & 855-B. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT:1: Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

Other Committee Reports:

- a. Administration Committee (Chairman: Trustee Clark-Smith)
 - i. Mrs. Smith deferred to Director Montilla to cover the Staff Feedback Report for the Trustees.
- b. Building and Grounds Committee (Chairman: Trustee Chase)
 - i. Ms. Chase reported to the board that the committee has begun the process to determine the next steps for the accessibility ramp.
- c. Finance Committee (Chairman: Treasurer Clements)
 - i. No report
- d. Planning and Development Committee (Chairman: Secretary Stewart)
 - i. No report.
- e. Public Relations and Legislation Committee (President Riales for Chairman: Trustee Perez)
 - i. No report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Smith for approval of An Amended Investment of Public Funds Policy.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT:1: Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. Stewart for approval to move 2 million dollars into a four-week CDAR at Providence Bank at 3.5% APR interest.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Ms. Perez

Communication/Announcements:

Patron suggestion: The patron would like the library to start a program for adults with disabilities to assist them with jobs, housing, school, etc.

Library Director's Report: The report is posted on the Bellwood Public Library's web page.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Chase seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. All voted by voice, Aye.

Reginald Stewart, Secretary