CALL TO ORDER:
President Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Trustees Present:
President: Chris Crawford       Vice President: Jill Clouse
Treasurer: Molly McGinnis Knapke Secretary: Barbara Rundell
Trustee: Shannon Burgess      Trustee: Diana Foth
Trustee: Andre Wright

The chair declared that a quorum was present.

Library Staff Present:
Library Director: Dawn Bussey
Business Manager: Maria Tachna

Others Present
Tim Brinker
Molly Hoerster
Karen Volk

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:
Rachel Reiter, Marketing Specialist, gave a brief presentation to the Board. The “Check the Library” campaign is in progress and will be launched to the public May 1st. The microsite is well under way and has been very helpful with discovering and correcting inconsistencies with the current website. The Marketing Department has been increasing activity on social media platforms and the followers for Instagram and Twitter are growing. The most popular posts on social media consist of photos and comments from past events, while advertising for future programs doesn’t get as much attention. The Marketing Department is starting to survey members again, most recently they surveyed 17 Nerf Games attendees and received great feedback about the social media channels they use as well as how they found out about the program initially, mostly by email or word of mouth. A couple of successful events most recently were GEPL-con with over 300 members attending and January’s Amazing Africa program with over 80 members attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Tim Brinker attended the ILA Legislative meet up and provided some details about the event. He sat with Senator Suzy Glowiak. Senator Glowiak seemed open and receptive to the ILA presentation. At the end of the event, each legislator stood up to talk about the importance of Libraries.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Treasurer Knapke moved to accept the minutes of the regular Library Board meeting as amended on February 18, 2019. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote Unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS:
The Board reviewed the monthly correspondence.

OFFICER’S REPORT:
The Board commented on the Spring Forward Event, and how nicely done it was. 3/7 Pathway Café did a tremendous job with the appetizers and beverages, the sound system was superb, and staff did a fantastic job with the tours. The Board expressed their appreciation to the staff for helping with the event.

Treasurer Knapke reported on the financials this month. Of particular note, one payment to Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins of $495.80 was accrued back to FY2018. This will be the last invoice accrued. In FY 2019, $521.21 was paid to American Airlines and $530.53 was paid to Hotels.com for Josh O’Shea to attend a conference in Miami, $1,335 was paid to Simple Edge for work with the microsite, $1,301 was paid to Jacobs & Sons for a 1/3 initial deposit for resurfacing and restriping the parking lot, $932 was paid to Marcomm Electric to repair two outside lights, $3,500 was paid to Library Market for new calendar software, $7,785 was paid to Apple for an Apple TV, 2 IPod Touches, 7 IPads, and 4 MacBooks, $3,909.75 was paid to Provantage for 4 Dell Optiflex towers and 6 monitors.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Treasurer Knapke moved to authorize expenditures for goods and services totaling $316,802.87 as listed in the March 2019 Expenditure Approval List. Motion Seconded and Carried – Roll Call Vote Unanimous.

Treasurer Knapke moved to accept the February 2019 Revenue and Fund Summary Report, and March 2019 Expenditure Reports. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote Unanimous.

LIBRARIANS’ REPORTS:
The Friends’ had a great booksale this past weekend, coinciding with GEPL-Con, they made over $3,000 in sales between Saturday and Sunday. Over 300 people attended GEPL-Con from 10-1, and that number should grow over time.

Director Bussey and Heather McCammond-Watts met with District 89 Superintendent Dr. Emily Tammaru to go over the possibility of utilizing the lower floor of the District 89 Building. Currently, CASE is utilizing the space, but will be moving out next year, and because the building is already paid for, the Library could use the space at no cost. The District 89 building is in a great location and would help the Library reach out and serve members south of Roosevelt Rd more frequently. There is enough space for a small program room and small collection.
Three things to share with others in the community are: National Library Week is April 7 – April 13th. During that time, members can come and play Library bingo here at GEPL for a chance to win prizes, show their Library card at 14 different participating businesses for a variety of discounts offered, and shop at Gnome Colony Company where 10% of sales that week will be donated to GEPL for the Bus to Books Program.

Vice President Clouse moved to accept the Librarian’s Report. Motion Seconded and Carried - Voice Vote - Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Support for New Train Station and Pedestrian Underpass:

Approval of New Compassion Fund
Secretary Rundell moved to approve the creation of the New Compassion Fund. Motion Seconded and Carried – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:
At 8:34 Vice President Clouse moved to adjourn the Library Board Meeting. Motion Seconded and Carried – Voice Vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Maria Tachna

Business Manager