



SWAN Services

SWAN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge IL 60527

MINUTES

February 6, 2018 - Time 9:30 a.m.

SWAN Board Members in Attendance: Rich Wolff, Tinley Park Public Library; Tiffany Verzani, Elmwood Park Public Library; Julie Milavec, Downers Grove Public Library; Ted Bodewes, Thomas Ford Memorial Library; Jamie Bukovac, Indian Prairie Public Library District (arrived at 9:38 a.m.); Stacy Wittman, Eisenhower Public Library District (arrived at 10:33 a.m.)

Call to Order: President Wolff called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Introduction of New Library Directors and Visitors: None.

Discussion Item

FY19 Budget Draft

Skog introduced the process and explained the documents included in today's packet, for our new members. The Committee of the Whole budget review meeting is done each year prior to the March Quarterly vote, so that members can weigh in and provide feedback. He walked the membership through the layout for the narrative and how the budget is set up, and then through each of the budget lines and the reserves plan.

Skog noted that SWAN is entering into a one-year agreement with RAILS for support funding. Skog and Wolff have been serving on the RAILS Consortia Committee together for over six years now, helping to provide feedback to RAILS on this process. Our previous contract with RAILS was for a three-year period; RAILS will be making changes to this program soon, including potentially adding more organizations and moving to a grant-based system, which is why the current contract is only one-year long.

Q&A-

Kathy Parker of Glenwood Lynwood noted that the unique situation with Brookfield Zoo library being closed, and Riverdale temporarily closed, and the status of their billing/maintenance of their collection may be something to be discussed at the board level.

David Seleb of Oak Park asked about the bond information being used in the calculation of upcoming SWAN fees being a few years behind (2015 data). Skog explained that the older data is the most current data available from the various counties via FOIA requests. The counties do not have the 2016 updated data ready, so we need to work with what is available.

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This budget draft will be discussed at the board meeting on February 16th, updated once more and then presented to the membership for vote on March 1st.

Information Item

Overview on SWAN eRead Illinois Participation and Requirements for Consortia Discount

Skog shared that 51 of the 97 SWAN libraries (including the New 19 libraries) participate in eRead and that the New 19 libraries currently enjoy a 30% discount on this service since their entire LINC and MAGIC organizations are enrolled. However, upon joining SWAN they will no longer receive this discount unless all SWAN libraries are registered. Skog wants to determine whether it is beneficial to have SWAN purchase this as a service for all libraries in order to secure the 30% discount, or whether this is not an expense we'd be interested in accruing as a part of membership fees.

Wolff questioned why Tinley Park was not listed as participating in eRead. Seleb was in support of acquiring membership for all as a part of fees; Rebecca Bartlett of La Grange shared that her library did not like the service and opted not to continue to use it. Parker also found that the numbers for use at Glenwood Lynwood did not support the service. Bukovac shared these sentiments for Indian Prairie. Many in the audience felt that Overdrive was a better service in their experience. Bukovac stated that perhaps RAILS can explore other options to see if eRead is the best product to offer for group purchase, such as Biblioteka. The membership discussed their interest in group purchases and electronic resources for the consortium going forward. Skog will verify the list of eRead participants again with Veronda Pitchford at RAILS and update the SWAN Board at the Friday, February 16, 2018 meeting.

Next Steps

Wolff welcomed any feedback to be provided to the Board for discussion at next Friday's board meeting.

Next Meetings

The next SWAN Board meeting will be held on February 16, 2018 at SWAN Quail Ridge Meeting Room at 9:30 a.m.

The next SWAN Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 1, 2018 at RAILS Burr Ridge at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Verzani
Board Secretary