

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020**

1. President Pesko called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.
2. Upon roll call, the following were present:

Trustees Present: Chris Pesko, SK Narayan, Michelle Mondia, Marisa Santangelo  
Trustees Absent: Peter Fosco, Elsa Volpe, Diana Gordon  
Also Present: Library Director Tiffany Verzani, Assistant Director Jason Stuhlmann,  
Director of River Grove Public Library Jorge Perez, Board Member of River Grove Public  
Library Matt J. McManus

3. Public Participation:  
The Director and Trustee of River Grove Public Library introduced themselves and spoke to wanting to hear what other libraries were doing in order to inform a decision at their upcoming emergency meeting.

4. President's Report  
Prior to formally discussing agenda topics, President Pesko set expectations for the meeting and noting the priority of the safety of staff and the general public along with the fiscal responsibility to the community. He asked that we be respectful of each other's opinions and that we need to decide what is best for us but with proper consideration of what other libraries are doing as well as our schools and other agencies. The goal was to build consensus and reach a decision.

He shared his thoughts about the situation and asked all present to share their views.

5. Covid-19 and Library Response, including Emergency Closures  
Upon discussion, there was consensus about closing for safety and health reasons, as well as being in line with the schools.

ON A MOTION FROM MICHELLE MONDIA AND SECONDED BY SK NARAYAN, IT WAS RESOLVED TO CLOSE THE BUILDING FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 17 THROUGH MARCH 29 WITH STAFF ENCOURAGED TO COME IN TO WORK AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OR TO WORK FROM HOME ON ASSIGNED PROJECTS.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0  
Motion Passed

6. Pandemic Response Procedures  
The Board reviewed samples from other libraries and recommended them to BGPP Committee for full review.

ON A MOTION FROM MICHELLE MONDIA AND SECONDED BY MARISA SANTANGELO THE BOARD VOTED TO SEND THE PANDEMIC POLICY TO THE BGPP COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0  
Motion Passed

7. Emergency Closing Policy


The Board reviewed the libraries current policy and suggested review by BGPP committee to stipulate a shorter time period for this policy.

ON A MOTION FROM MICHELLE MONDIA AND SECONDED BY SK NARAYAN THE BOARD VOTED TO SEND THE EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY TO THE BGPP COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW

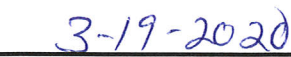
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0  
Motion Passed

8. The Board decided to keep to the regular March 19 meeting and did not feel the need to set a specific additional meeting at this time, so no action was taken on agenda items 7 & 8.

9. ON A MOTION FROM MICHELLE MONDIA AND SECONDED BY SK NARAYAN, THE BOARD VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 2:00 p.m.



Board President, Chris Resko

  
Date

Secretary, Marisa Santangelo