



## NEW LENOX PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING October 29, 2019

The meeting of the New Lenox Public Library District Board of Trustees Policy Committee was called to order at 6:03 p.m., by Trustee Tatro on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at the New Lenox Library, 120 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, Illinois.

Present were Trustees: Colette Loecke, Dr. Edward A. Tatro, Alex Vancina

Absent: Ann Podoba

Staff present: Michelle Krooswyk: Director and Recording Secretary, Jolyce Abernathy-Morris: Circulation Services Manager

Visitors: None

### **Audience to Visitors**

- None.

### **New Business**

Director Krooswyk provided a packet detailing what policies have been reviewed at the regular Board Meetings since the committee last met in June.

The following policies were discussed in more detail:

General Policy 201: Discussion of minimum cardholder age from 18 years old to 16 years old. Director Krooswyk and Jolyce Abernathy-Morris suggested the lower age of 16 since someone at that age can get a drivers license and hold a job. The goal was to remove barriers to access. Trustee Vancina mentioned that when he worked at Manhattan-Elwood Public Library, the minimum age was 14 and he can't recall any issues they encountered with the lower age requirement. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and drawbacks of a lower age. Trustee Tatro mentioned that they needed a parent to get the initial drivers license as well. Director Krooswyk and Jolyce Abernathy-Morris said that the request for teens requesting new cards has increased since we have been holding more after hour study programs and relocating the teen area. It was decided to bring the suggestion of approving the lower age of 16 to be approved at the next board meeting. The discussion of denying checking out materials with a fine limit of \$5 also occurred. Trustee Vancina mentioned that the library where he works, Helen Plum, raised their limit to \$25. Director Krooswyk will look at other libraries fine thresholds prior to the November Board Meeting.

General Policy 211: Discussion ensued regarding removing the A/V deposit for the meeting room. We have never kept an A/V security deposit. Trustees agreed that this makes sense. Some rewording of the policy was also suggested.

General Policy 307: Changing the wording on question number eight along with rebranding the form was presented. Trustees were in agreement that these changes were acceptable.

These changes will be presented at the November Board Meeting for formal approval.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Vancina moved and Trustee Loecke seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.

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Michelle Krooswyk, Director

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Krooswyk  
Library Director