

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mary Gendry, vice-president, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Mary Gendry, Ed Costa, William Faber, Absent: Darryl Barbee, Nicholette Rademacher, and Teena Zindel-McWilliams. Staff present: Lee Ann Fisher and Karen Bjorkman. New appointees present: Carol Craig, Eugene King, and Jim Alpi. Others: Ray Batman.

II. WELCOME:

Mrs. Gendry welcomed Carol Craig, Eugene King and Jim Alpi as trustees on the Library Board. Mrs. Bjorkman administered the Oath of Office to the new trustees and presented them with their board packets.

III. AGENDA:

Motion by Mr. Costa and seconded by Mr. Faber to approve the Agenda as presented.

IV. MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Craig and seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2009, as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Faber and seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the Minutes of July 22, 2009, Special Called Meeting (Bid Opening). Motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Fisher went over the details of an e-mail she had received from Mr. Harry Cook of BWC.

She also presented the information received from the State of Illinois Library that there would be no LSTA competitive grants this year because the money is going to be used to pay per-capita and delivery of library materials statewide.

Ray Batman gave a presentation from DOVE asking to use a portion of the east end of the parking lot for their aluminum can recycling trailer. He presented the board with carefully drawn-out schematics to show the portion of the area they would need to use. This is part of their continuing Going Green project. He answered questions from the board. Mrs. Gendry thanked him for the information.

The Education Coalition has requested permission to launch the new Teen Health Committee website in the library parking lot, with a local radio station popular with teens. Teen librarian, Eleanor Wood, will be taking the training and will be visiting the schools to promote the YA service of the library.

Motion by Ms. Craig and seconded by Mr. Alpi to approve the Education Coalition using the library parking lot to launch the new Teen Health website. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Ms. Fisher explained that the city librarian's report is an ongoing report of departmental activities to meet the goals in the library Mission Statement and long-range plan. She let the board know that she and the staff are working on having a new long-range plan completed sometime in November or December for their discussion.

The library has received notice that our per-capita grant for 2008 will be received in September or October.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee:

No meeting in August.

Motion read by Vice President Ms. Gendry at 4:46 p.m.: I move that the Board enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing individual personnel, as specified in Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meeting Act. Motion seconded by Ms. Craig. Motion carried by a voice vote of yes.

Motion at 4:51 p.m. by Ms. Gendry and seconded by Ms. Craig to return to the meeting from closed session. Motion carried by a voice vote of yes.

Finance and Properties Committee:

No meeting in August.

Check register for July was presented for review.

Motion by Ms. Gendry and seconded by Mr. King to approve the bills for July 2009 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote of yes.

Rolling Prairie Library System:

No report as the library needs a representative to attend the meetings.

Friends of the Decatur Public Library:

Mrs. Bjorkman reported that the Friends had purchased a popcorn machine for the library.

Foundation:

Next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2009.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Project Read has received an okay from Richland on their move into the old bookstore space.

Motion by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Costa to have Project Read move into the old bookstore space. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Construction Bids: After discussion the board decided to table a decision on the bids.

Construction issues: Asbestos has been discovered on an old boiler, sprayed wall cover and the pipes that have not yet been removed. Some of the broken floor tile has already been removed. The library did immediate testing of the worksite and building, with negligible findings. Those findings were submitted to the EPA and we are waiting on their decision. We will be getting estimates on abatement to present to the board.

Board asked Mr. Alpi to work with Ms. Fisher on addressing the various issues.

Motion by Ms. Craig that Ms. Fisher and Mr. Alpi meet with BWC to discuss the Cultural Center project. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 to 1.

X. SERVING OUR LIBRARIES:

Review of the new Standards for Public Libraries will begin in September, 2009.

XI. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

No members of the public were present.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ms. Craig and seconded by Mr. Alpi to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bjorkman
Assistant City Librarian