

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2012

Decatur Public Library Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Teena Zindel-McWilliams-president called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Members present: Michael Deatherage, Carol Craig, Gail Crookshank, Jim Alpi, Edward Costa, Eugene King and Mary Gendry. Ann Chambliss was absent. Staff present: Lee Ann Fisher, City Librarian, Robert Edwards, Asst. City Librarian.

II: AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Mrs. Craig and seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Gendry and seconded by Mr. King to approve the April 19, 2012 minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

V. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

None

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee:

Motion by Mr. King at 4:40 p.m. and seconded by Mrs. Craig to go into closed session under the Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) "I move that the Board enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or representatives." Motion carried on a voice vote of yes. At 4:50, Mr. Costa moved to come out of closed session; Mr. Alpi seconded; motion approved.

Finance and Properties Committee:

Mrs. Craig moved to approve the April, 2012 check register, Mr. Costa seconded; motion approved. There were no questions. Mrs. Fisher reported that Gregg Zientara will be the new City Finance Manager with the retirement of Ron Neufeld. She informed the committee that the Library will receive a bridge loan following past practice to cover expenses.

Ms. Fisher informed the Board that Noah Tipton is gathering information costs for more extensive repairs to be done on the water piping. The committee discussed that the Decatur School District 61 is no longer interested in using the Library Annex for equipment storage. It will be using space in the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In addition, the County Board has also indicated it is no longer interested in the Library Annex for document storage.

Illinois Heartland Library System:

Ms. Fisher reported that she would be serving on the SHARE Executive Board. She explained the role of SHARE for the Library.

Friends of the Decatur Public Library:

Mrs. Gendry informed the committee that she attended the Friends meeting on May 10, 2012. Mrs. Gendry stated that the Friends have purchased and installed a new electronic sign for the books shelved on the Main floor of the Library, to update patrons on book sales information. The Friends will not have a July meeting. She stated that the Second Saturday Sales continue to do well.

Foundation:

The Foundation Board will meet again on July 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. The committee stated that the Library Board needs to appoint another member for the Foundation Board. This will be done after additional Board members are appointed by the City Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

The committee discussion on potential new Board members for recommendation to the City Council yielded the recommendations of Dr. Priscilla Palmer and Gary Davis. It was stated that

Mr. Davis has served on the Board in the past and is interested in returning to the Board. Mr. Alpi and Mr. King have agreed to continue in a second three-year term.

The committee agreed to determine the progress of the Long Range Plan at a July, 2012 meeting from the findings of the June 12th meeting. No date was set for the July meeting.

IX. SERVING OUR PUBLIC:

Serving Our Public 2.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries:

The Chapter 7 of Standards for Illinois Public Libraries will be include in the July meeting review.

X. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

5-minute time period for citizens to appear and express their views before the Decatur Public Library Board. Limit of 3 minutes per speaker; total of 15 minutes. No immediate response will be given by the Library Trustees or Library staff members.—None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Crookshank and seconded by Mr. King to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Edwards
Assistant City Librarian
(Minutes compiled by Teena Zindel-McWilliams, President and Mary Gendry)

Approved