DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Thursday, August 15, 2002 @ 4:30 p.m. AGENDA

- I. Call to order Sherri Arnold, President
 - a. Introduction and oath of office for new trustee Garry Davis
- II. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular meeting of July 18, 2002
- III. Communication from the public
- IV. City Librarian's report
- V. Reports of committees
 - a. Personnel, Policy & Public Relations Committee
 - i. No meeting
 - b. Finance and Properties Committee
 - i. Approval of bills for July 2002
 - ii. No meeting
 - iii. Report on meeting with Illinois Power Company re: lease space
 - c. Rolling Prairie Library System
 - i. Report on August meeting
 - d. Friends of the Library
 - i. Meeting of August 8, 2002
 - e. Foundation
 - i. No meeting
- VI. Serving Our Public: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries
 - a. Chapter I, Core Standards
- VII. Old business
 - a. Lease space
 - b. Baby TALK proposal
- VIII. New business
 - a. Boiler
 - b. Meeting agendas
- IX. Adjournment

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES August 2002

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Finance & Properties Committee

Personnel, Policy & Public Relations Committee

Ty Cocagne, Chair

Carol Craig, Chair

Pat Greanias Eugene King

Garry Davis Sally Krigbaum

Eugene King Phil Wise

Linda Rowden

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Representative to the Friends of the Library: vacant Representative to the RPLS Board: Pat Greanias

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES July 18, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER

Eugene King, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Mr. King, Carol Craig, Patricia Greanias, Sally Krigbaum, Linda Rowden, and Phil Wise. Absent: Sherri Arnold, Ty Cocagne, and Garry Davis. Staff present: Lee Ann Fisher and Linda Humphreys.

Mr. King introduced new trustee Sally Krigbaum. Ms. Humphreys administered the oath of office.

President Arnold's committee appointments for 2001/02 were presented. The Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee will be chaired by Ms. Craig with Mr. Davis, Mrs. Krigbaum and Mrs. Rowden. This committee will meet at 4:30 on the first Thursday of each month. The Finance and Properties Committee will be chaired by Mr. Cocagne with Mrs. Greanias, Mr. King and Mr. Wise. This committee will meet at 4:30 on the first Tuesday of each month.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 20, 2002 were approved as mailed.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No one from the public addressed the Board.

IV. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The City Librarian's written report was previously mailed.

Ms. Fisher reported that the library has not received an offer on the bookmobile. The potential buyer is working to obtain financing.

The sewer gas leak in the auditorium was finally found and has been repaired.

Ms. Fisher was accepted in the Decatur Leadership Institute.

Orientation for new trustees will be held Thursday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Fisher will be on vacation from July 25 through August 5, 2002. The Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee meeting was rescheduled from August 1 to August 8 at 4:30 p.m.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee: The committee met July 11, 2002. Ms. Craig reported that the committee reviewed a revised job description for the Head of the Extension Division. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve the description as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greanias and unanimously approved. Ms. Fisher reported that she hired Scott Pointon from La Porte, Indiana to fill the position beginning August 29, 2002.

The committee reviewed a job description for "Librarian" to combine five current "Information Specialist" job descriptions. Mrs. Greanias made a motion to approve the description as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Krigbaum and unanimously approved.

A policy for the Gates Computer Lab was reviewed. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rowden and unanimously approved.

The committee discussed library hours during the Decatur Celebration. Mrs. Greanias made a motion to close the library each year on Friday and Saturday during the Decatur Celebration, with a trade-off to be negotiated in the next union contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wise and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fisher accepted a \$10,000 donation to the Foundation for two display cases for Firestone mementos. The remainder of the money will go toward the purchase of the new bookmobile when it is finished in August.

Finance and Properties Committee: Mr. Wise made a motion to approve the June bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craig and unanimously carried on roll call vote.

The committee met July 2, 2002. A proposal from Larry Harris was reviewed stating that the library's pick-up truck is worn out and requesting authorization to purchase one of the city's trucks that is being replaced. Mr. Wise made a motion to authorize spending up to \$5,000 to replace the library's truck. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craig and unanimously approved on roll call vote.

Rolling Prairie Library System: Mrs. Greanias attended the meeting. There was nothing to report.

Friends of the Library: The Friends meet on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. A representative from the library board is needed to serve on the Friends board.

Foundation: The Foundation Board of Directors did not meet. Ms. Fisher was concerned about the low rate of earnings on foundation funds. It was agreed to take no action until the library's boiler issue is resolved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The lease space was discussed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A request from Baby TALK for the library to serve as its fiscal agency was reviewed. This item was tabled until more information can be obtained.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda HumphreysLinda Humphreys, Office Manager

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT August 9, 2002 DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ADMINISTRATION: I have been accepted into the Decatur Leadership Institute class of 2002. We will be meeting Thursday mornings at 6:45. The display of Firestone memorabilia is up and located under the grand staircase. I received no complaints about being closed Friday for the Celebration. In addition to my regular meetings; I met with Randy Johner and Marty Behrens concerning the lease space. Attended a DRA users group meeting in Clinton. I was on vacation from July 25th to August 6th.

GATES GRANT: The Gates Computer Lab opened on Monday July 15th. Gates trainers will be here August 12th –20th. They will be training other libraries staff in addition to some of ours. I will be writing the Secretary of State and the State Librarian to see if they are available for a ribbon cutting and then make plans for a grand opening. If they are not available I will then contact some local dignitaries. The Vend Print scheduler has received an upgrade and is working better. The print manager is working fine and patrons are getting use to paying for what they actually print.

SIRSI: The dedupe program has developed major problems and is not being run. RPLS and SIRSI have not been able to fix the problem so far. RPLS will have the system down this Friday evening till Monday morning. This will be the second weekend in which there has been some technical difficulty. Not being open on Sunday has helped somewhat, but Saturday has been a nightmare.

FRIENDS: Are gearing up for their annual book sale September 1 & 2. They will be again paying for the graphics for the new bookmobile.

STAFF: Linda Wilhelm has been promoted from Circulation Clerk I to the new Routing Clerk II and started August 1st. We have received a good number of applications for the Head of Adult Services and I hope to start interviewing later this month.

ADULT DIVISION: Bev has complied a weeding list for periodicals. Patti has begun discarding them and they are being sent to be recycled. Bev has also been given the responsibility for ordering all fiction and large print. Arthur has been weeding records that will go to the book sale. We have had some theft of DVD's and books on tape, we are looking at our security measures. Carol is weeding the YA collection. She has found about a 30% error rate in the cataloging and we are correcting as we go. Sue has been weeding the government documents. All the weeding is in anticipation of the reorganization. Bev also did July's "Books Between Bites" program. The department has had an Illinois Math and Science Academy student volunteering for about 50 hours.

BUILDING DIVISION: We had to replace the domestic hot water pump and motor. We had to replace the pre-heat pump and housing also. Cleaned out the large storage room that will be come the periodical storage in anticipation of the move. Hauled 8 truckloads of stuff to the dump that was moved from the old library and unusable. Trimmed all the trees and bushes on

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the south side of the library that filled 4 tucks and 2 dump trucks, it looks like we filled up the dump this month. The parking lot has been patched and restriped. The reason for the bad mystery odor in the auditorium has been solved, after cutting a large hole in the wall, an uncapped drain was found. Linda painted her office. There is a separate report on the boiler.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: *The Story Wizard* was a great success, with 535 people attending 3 shows. The library paid for the program this year as the Friends are buying paperback books for the final reward. Overall summer reading enrollment was down 199 children, from 1540 last year to 1341 this year, but our return rate was up 22% and we think the Friends book incentive had a lot to do with it. It seems with the Gates computers we are getting more parents who are using the computers and bringing their children staying longer. After about 45 minutes the children become disruptive. While some of them do read or play quietly many do not. We will be looking at the "Unattended Child Policy" and reviewing what is disruptive behavior. Counting the Madcap production, we had a total of 30 programs attended by 937 people. Seventeen groups visited the department with 228 people. Weeded 264 items and placed orders for 529 items. All in all it was a very hectic month, made a little easier with 82 hours of volunteer assistance.

CIRCULATION DIVISION: With all the transfers, promotions and retirements the department has been running short. Vacancies are being filled as fast as the Civil Service process allows. This along with the Celebration and downtime of the system have created backlog several times this month, which are handled as promptly as we can. Internet registration is slowing down and most new patrons do not sign up for it, saying they have access at home. With circulation statistics up, this is an extremely busy department.

EXTENSION: It looks like it will be the middle of September before the new bookmobile is delivered. 31 volunteers contributed 328.5 hours of service, which is very helpful. Arlene Mannlein from the Herald & Review is working on an article about our Outreach Services. The fall schedule is in development. The Fiction collection was weeded. Looking forward to the new department head starting August 29th and being fully staffed again.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION: Prepared circulation for this weekends downtime and using OBC. The defective Gates switch and the wrong replacement switch have been returned and new correct switch installed. The Winproxy server has crashed 3 times in less than two weeks. Matt says this is due to too many network cards and not enough computer resources. This will be solved when ISA 2000 is up and fully running after he receives the training in September. The notice printer in circulation has had several issues that we have had to work on. Part of the problem is the volume of notices we run daily and the type of paper we are required to use.

TECHNICAL DIVISION: We are about a month behind on processing new fiction, four months on juvenile materials, three months on non-fiction and three months on AV. As Karen

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and Susan become more confident and their output increases, the backlog should decrease. Stan and Luray attended a book repair workshop and Karen and Marsha attended two workshops, one on Dewey and the other on Library of Congress Subject Heading. The processing department is developing ways to process our newest media (DVD'S) and working with Arthur and Matt on the best way to secure and identify them.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Fisher

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July 23, 2002 9:00 a.m.

Present: Lee Ann Fisher, Larry Harris, Linda Humphreys, Eugene King, Randy Johner (City of Decatur Building Inspections Manager), and Marty Behrens (Illinois Power Company Regional Engineering Supervisor).

Ms. Fisher and Mr. Harris explained the library's situation in the lease space area, with one central heating and air conditioning system for the entire building. They asked Mr. Behrens whether or not Illinois Power would allow the library to provide heat and air conditioning to its tenants and seek reimbursement from the tenants for utility expenses. Mr. Behrens said that the utility charge could not be specifically identified and separated in the lease. He emphasized that the amount added to the rent for utilities could not under any circumstances fluctuate based upon the square footage of the leased space and the library's monthly utility bills. Ms. Fisher asked whether it made any difference if the tenant was a non-for-profit agency, and Mr. Behrens said that it did not.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda HumphreysLinda Humphreys
Office Manager

Chapter I Core Standards

- Core *I*. The library provides uniformly gracious and friendly service to all users.
- The library is established and operated in compliance with Chapter 75 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes*. In general, libraries established by cities, villages, or incorporated towns or townships are governed by the provisions of 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5, the *Illinois Local Library Act*. Library districts are governed by the provisions of 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 16, the *Public Library District Act of 1991*.
- The library is in compliance with all other state laws that affect library operations including but not limited to the *Illinois Accessibility Code* [ILL. ADMIN. CODE tit. 71, § 400 et seq.], the *Open Meetings Act* [5 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 120/1], the *Illinois Freedom of Information Act* [5 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 140/1 et seq.], the *State Records Act* [5 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 160/1 et seq.; 70/2 and 5/1-7], the *Library Records Confidentiality Act* [75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 70/1] and the *Drug Free Workplace Act* [30 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 580/1 et seq.].
- The library is in compliance with all federal laws that affect library operations including but not limited to the *Americans with Disabilities Act* [42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.], the *Fair Labor Standards Act* [29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.], and the *Bloodborne Pathogens Standard* [29 C.F.R. § 1910.1030]. (See appendix 1.)
- Core 5. The library is governed by a board of trustees elected or appointed and constituted in compliance with the relevant sections of Chapter 75 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* [75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5/4-7.1 and 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 16/30-55.15].
- Core 6. The board of trustees adopts written bylaws that outline its purpose and operational procedures and address conflict-of-interest issues. The board reviews its bylaws at least every three years. (See appendix 2.1 topics for topics recommended for consideration in developing board bylaws.)
- Core 7. The board of trustees appoints a qualified librarian as library administrator and delegates active management of the library to the library administrator [75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5/4-7 or 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 16/30-55.35]. For the purposes of this document, a qualified librarian is a person holding an MLS degree from an ALA-accredited program.
- The board of trustees meets on a monthly basis, no less than ten times per year (libraries that contract with another agency for all services meet no less than twice each year), with the library administrator in attendance. Meetings are held in a room and at a location that is convenient for the board and the community. The room is large enough to encourage community participation. The location and the room are accessible to persons affected by the *Illinois Accessibility Code* [ILL. ADMIN. CODE tit. 71, § 400 et seq.] and/or the *Americans with Disabilities Act* [42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.]. Additional reasonable accommodations that allow persons with disabilities to participate in the meeting are

provided as needed. All board meetings and board committee meetings are in compliance with the *Open Meeting Act* [5 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 120/1]. Written or recorded minutes are taken and kept for all board meetings. Following approval, these minutes are made available to the public and are retained in compliance with the *State Records Act* [5 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 160/1 et seq.; 70/2 and 5/1-7].

- The board of trustees has exclusive control of all property owned by the library and expenditure of all monies collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund [75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5/4-7 and 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 16/30-55.10].
- Core 10. The library has a board-approved, written budget. The budget is developed annually by the library administrator and the board with input from the staff.
- On an annual basis, the board of trustees determines if the library's revenues are sufficient to meet the needs of the community. If the revenues are not sufficient, the board of trustees will take action to increase the library's revenues.
- The library has a board-approved mission statement, a long-range plan, a disaster prevention and recovery plan, and policies. Such policies include but are not limited to the following topics: personnel; reference; use of the library's materials, services, and facilities including use of the library for exhibits and meetings; and collection management. Illinois statutory law specifically requires the board to establish and review at least biennially a written policy for the selection of library materials (as part of the library's collection management policy) and the use of library materials and facilities [75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 5/4-7.2 or 75 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 16/30-60]. All library policies are in compliance with state and federal laws. (See appendix 2.2.)
- Core 13. The library keeps adequate records of library operations. (See appendix 2.3.)
- On a monthly basis, the library administrator presents written reports on library operations to the board of trustees. Such reports include but are not limited to employment decisions, usage, finance, and collection development.
- Core 15. The board of trustees annually reviews the performance of the library administrator.
- The library adopts and adheres to the principles set forth in the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* and other ALA intellectual freedom statements and interpretations. (See Appendices 2.4-2.6 for ALA *Library Bill of Rights* and other ALA intellectual freedom statements.)
- The library adopts and adheres to the *Ethics Statement for Public Library Trustees*. (See appendix 2.7 for *Ethics Statement for Public Library Trustees*.)
- Core 18. The library adopts and adheres to the ALA Code of Ethics. (See Appendix 2.8 for ALA Code of Ethics.)

- Core *19.* The library is a member of an Illinois multitype library system and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
- The library has a telephone, telefacsimile machine, photocopier, and computer with modem. The library provides telephone service to its patrons with hearing disabilities through a TTY (teletypewriter), TDD (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf) or a voice relay provided by the telephone company.
- Core 21. The library provides access to ILLINET Online.
- Core **22.** The library participates in the *Standards for the Services of Illinois Multitype Systems* by fulfilling the member library responsibilities.
- The library is located in a facility designed or renovated for that purpose and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local codes.
- The library is open a minimum of 25 hours per week. The hours, scheduled for the convenience of the public, include a minimum of two evenings (Total of 6 hours after 5 p.m.) and 4 weekend hours. Branches or other fixed service points, but not bookmobiles, are also open a minimum of 25 hours per week.
- The library spends a minimum of 12 percent of its operating budget on materials for patrons. For the purposes of this document, the operating budget includes all disbursements except capital expenditures. Health and life insurance; FICA, IMRF, or other pension plans; and all other insurance are part of the operating budget. Capital expenditures include remodeling and building, equipment and furniture, and any other items that are included as fixed assets in the audit. Materials include books, audiovisual materials, periodicals, telecommunication costs for reference services, fees for online information services, and CD-ROM products. Costs related to the installation and maintenance of a LAN or a shared or stand-alone bibliographic database are not included.
- Core 26. The library provides or develops a formal agreement with another agency to provide reference service to the community.
- Core 27. The library informs its community about the collections and services available in and through the library.
- At least every ten years, and more frequently if necessary, the board of trustees determines if the physical facility is sufficient to meet the needs of the community. If the facility does not meet the needs of the community, the board of trustees takes steps to correct the problem.
- Core 29. At least every ten years, and more frequently if necessary, the library conducts a study to determine if the library is providing collections and services in a quantity, at a time, and in a manner that meets the needs of the community.

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TO:

Lee Ann Fisher

City Librarian

FROM:

Larry R. Harris

Head, Building Division

On Wednesday, 8/7/02, we opened the boiler up for boiler inspector, John A. Osseck, for inspection as scheduled. Mr. Osseck will send a copy of his findings to you and J. Barry Leonard, city risk manager.

This is a summary and my recommendation of his inspection.

The inspector feels the boiler needs to be replaced. However, if we make the repairs needed and can pass a hydrostatic test using city psi and filled with cold water, he would pass the inspection and we would be back in service. The question is, how long can the boiler last? No one knows for sure, but we do know that the boiler is badly damaged by oxygen due to long usage. Also, it could be from lack of attention and proper care through the years, etc. The boiler was built in 1968. It isn't economically efficient for today's use, simply because it was designed to make hot water for heat in the winter season, not to be used in warm summer conditions. Why is this? Because of its size, in warm conditions, the boiler is running all the time in short cycles of time because of no heat load. We have a mixed air system that requires hot water to give off heat to control a set temperature, so we must use it in the warmer months. This cost is very high, and metal that heats up, cools off, heats up, cools off, starts to get fatigued, and scales, and flakes off. Then the metal gets thinner, cracks develop, etc.

We need to do a hydrostatic test to see how bad the boiler is. If only cracks are found in the fire chamber wall, as was the case last time we repaired the boiler, the cost for the test is about \$2,000. To make repairs and put the boiler back into service would cost another \$8,000 to \$10,000 for a total of about (and I'm guessing) \$12,000, with no guarantees on how long the boiler will last. If we need to re-tube, add another \$15,000, and if we need to replace the outdated "no longer available" control panel, add another \$3,500. That is a total of \$30,500, and we still need to replace the boiler as soon as possible.

My guess is that if only cracks are found and repairs made and with no control or tube problems, we could get through the winter.

The worst that can happen if we keep the present boiler is, if it cracks and splits, it could dump 300 to 500 gallons of water in the boiler room and run down into the extension division. It won't blow up. Down time for replacement would be about 6 to 8 weeks minimum with no heat. Portable heat could cost about \$10,000 a month. The cost of new boilers that I have furnished you could be recovered in 3 to 5 years in efficiency. That is pretty good.

I know we are in a real financial crisis and I wish I could give you better news.

Again, we need to do a hydrostatic test to see how bad the boiler is and what repairs are needed. If we are going to replace boilers right now, this is not needed. I think we could have the new boilers installed by winter.

Lee Ann, I hope this answers your questions. If not, let me know.

Thank you.

Lee Ann Fisher

From:

Bev Obert [bevo@rpls.ws]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 06, 2002 3:25 PM

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SB 1756

Below is a notice we received from Phil Lenzini about a bill the Governor vetoed. This was the one where you would have to post your agenda more than 48 hours before a meeting on your library website, and post approved minutes on meetings on the web site.

"Just a "heads up" that over the weekend the Governor vetoed this Bill, which

is the one that would have had local governments and school districts who

maintain their own websites, post their agenda more than 48 hours before meetings and their approved meeting minutes within 7 days. Since it passed

both houses virtually unanimously, it may see action in the veto session later this fall, but for now it is NOT law." Phil Lenzini

This is good news for us but as Phil said it may come back in the veto session. We will keep you posted.

Beverly J. Obert Library Development Coordinator Rolling Prairie Library System 345 W. Eldorado, Decatur, IL 62522 PH 217/429-2586 FAX 217/428-1852 email bevo@rpls.ws www.rpls.ws

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