

Southfield Library Board
Wednesday, February 27, 2013
7:30 pm
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Evans, Carole McCollough, Eunice Rose.

Ex-Officio: Irv Lowenberg

Student Rep: Hannah Haynes

Staff: Dave Ewick, Debby Wawrzyniak

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by Board President, Deborah Evans.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion by Mrs. Rose, supported by Dr. McCollough,

13-04 RESOLVED: That the minutes from the meeting of January 16, 2013 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Evans, McCollough, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

B. Electronic posting of meeting minutes.

Motion by Dr. McCollough, supported by Mrs. Rose,

13-05 RESOLVED, that the Library Board authorizes the electronic posting of approved minutes on the Library's website.

AYES: Evans, McCollough, Rose

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED.

III REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The Board wanted to go on record in complementing staff for their professionalism in a number of areas.

Also, staff has shown a lot of creativity in promoting reading. The “Book a Blind Date” program was very clever and fun. Additionally, their table top displays are always interesting and an eye-catching way of introducing new and different titles / authors to patrons.

Mr. Ewick used this time to describe a new program for next month, “March Madness”. This program allows visitors to vote for a favorite book among several different genres, on the way to selecting a “Champion” title for the SPL.

IV TREASURER’S REPORT

A. The Executive Summary for January, 2013, was reviewed by the Board.

Irv Lowenberg arrived at 7:44

B. Mr. Ewick distributed a summary detailing the Library’s budget for FY 13/14 which was recently submitted to OMB.

In response to a question by the Board, Mr. Lowenberg reported on the status of Personal Property Tax legislation and how it relates to the City of Southfield.

Motion by Dr. McCollough, supported by Mrs. Rose,

13-06: RESOLVED: that the Library Board does hereby approve the Library’s proposed FY 13/14 budget as submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

AYES: Evans, McCollough, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

V. REPORTS

A. Junior Library Board: Hannah Haynes reported that the Junior Library Board is planning a bake sale for Library staff on March 12, in the staff lounge. Last year, \$90 was raised and used toward youth programming. The Junior Library Board hopes to raise more money this year.

- B. Deputy City Librarian Mary Beall was absent this evening and the report was provided by Mr. Ewick.

Building Update: There are no current issues. The HVAC system is functioning well. Ms. Beall remains in contact with Bumler related to future maintenance issues.

Staff Update: There is no news related to staffing at the Library.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- A. Café Update: It was noted that CanStrong did not respond to the Library Board's letter of January 21st.

Mr. Ewick was instructed to work with the City's Legal Department regarding this lack of response and the options open to the Board regarding CanStrong's lack of communication.

- B. Art Advisory Committee Update :

- The Library's Art Advisory Committee met on January 23, 2013 to review 3 pieces of art being offered to the Southfield Public Library. The recommendation of the Committee was shared with the Board.

After reviewing the Committee's recommendations, and after additional discussion, the Board decided to decline the offer of all three pieces of art and asked Mr. Ewick to share their decision with those individuals making the offers.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Re-purposing of the Auditorium:

This item will be put on next month's agenda for further consideration.

Mr. Lowenberg left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

- Mr. Ewick talked about new study rooms for the Library. He distributed a photo of the configuration used in Canton. This is a "wish list" item that the Board will keep in mind for the future.

VIII ALL OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Programming: February programming was reviewed. March programs, including Battle of the Books were discussed. It was pointed out that the next meeting is

scheduled for a “Battle” day. It was decided to move the next Board meeting to March 13th to accommodate the Battle of the Books program on the 20th.

B. Correspondence: A number of articles were distributed and shared with the Board.

C. Other:

- Mr. Ewick distributed a “Quick Info Guide” containing much of the same information shared in the annual State Aid Report.
 - It is interesting to note that 77% of Southfield Residents hold active library cards.
- Reinstating Friday hours was discussed. After much discussion, it was felt implementing this beginning in June would be a good idea. It was noted that the Board has every intention of reinstating hours as soon as possible. It may not be happening as quickly as the Board or patrons would like, but must be done based on when the necessary funds to do so are available.

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. McCollough, supported by Mrs. Rose:

13-07 RESOLVED: That the regular Library Board meeting for February 27, 2013 be adjourned.

AYES: Evans, McCollough, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM. The next meeting of the Library Board will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the Southfield Room located on the third floor of the Southfield Public Library at 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ewick
City Librarian