

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2014

SOUTHFIELD ROOM-7:30PM

Attendance: Rose, McCullough, Cohen, Mancini, Evans, Lowenberg, Ewick, Beall, Kidd.

I. CALL TO ORDER by President Euni Rose at 7:31

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 15, 2014 and the minutes of a special meeting on October 21, 2014 through a motion by Dr. McCullough and supported by Ms. Evans. Motion carried- Rose, McCullough, Evans, Cohen and Mancini

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD- there was no requests to address the board. Mr. Ewick introduced Pat Kidd as the new Administrative Assistant.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT by Mr. Ewick

Board approved of new printed format, its clearer and easier to read. Request by Ms. Mancini to receive quarterly reports be presented for fund balance, gift funds and friend funds.

Motion presented to accept Treasurer's report made by Ms. Evans and supported by Ms. Mancini. Motion carried- Rose, McCullough, Evans, Cohen and Mancini

V. REPORTS: there was no report from the Junior Library Board. The Board requested a report from Shari Fesko on Junior Library Board activities.

Report by Deputy City Librarian-Mary Beall

Building boilers installed and functionally are more streamlined than the previous boilers. Staffing report: Anne Kabel is the new Adult Services coordinator and Pat Kidd is the new Administrative Assistant. Currently reviewing the openings presented by the promotions of Ms. Kabel and Ms. Kidd to fill those vacancies. Divisions are in the process of hiring additional Computer Assistants and Library Aides.

Technology Intern Sarah Milroy has resigned to accept a position closer to family.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Vending machines- facilities and Modern Vending are working together to resolve plumbing issues for hot beverages. Mark Brandt will be in charge of the removal of the counter in café and installation of vending machines.

A question was asked if there was room for more vending machines. There is the option to remove a payphone to make room for vending machines.

Ideas for future directions- handouts were presented that demonstrated options for cell phone users and to expand study areas for patron. Ideas included individual study carrels along the north wall to create more space.

There was a discussion to purchase the Open Book bronze statue perhaps to place at the library's entrance.

The options presented are down the road and presented to give Board a chance to look over.

Decision was made to prioritize needs before making decisions regarding art. Next meeting will focus on needs and priorities of the building, collections and personnel. Library management would like to return to previous levels of staffing and programming. Currently the library is not allowed to hire, a restructure has been suggested by the City Administrator. The library is looking to identify and bring in someone from the library field to conduct a study to present to City Administrator.

Art Committee Report- MLK Task Force would like to donate to the library a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The bust is not completed and full specs regarding size, width, placement and cost are not known at this time. Decision made by the Board to table the decision regarding the bust until all information is known.

The Board will review guidelines for exhibits placed in the library. Artist displaying their work should bring in items prior to display to determine if exhibit is appropriate for displaying.

Library Board 2015 Calendar: Meeting dates for the 2015 calendar year will be reviewed and revised. The calendar will be posted when all changes and revisions are made.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

BOND RESOLUTION- The bond refinance resolution was read by Dave Ewick. City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg described history of the bonds existence and the need to refinance by February 2015. The refinancing of the library bonds will save over \$250,000 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Cohen to accept the resolution and supported by Ms. Evans. Motion carried by a vote of yes by all board members Euni Rose, Dr. Carole McCullough, Deborah Evans, Bernard Cohen, Laura Mancini. The documents were signed by Board Secretary Laura Mancini.

Resolution number: 121114

VIII. ALL OTHER BUSINESS:

The Lego Plus program is looking for donations of Legos to use for the program. Donated items can be given to Shari Fesko. On Saturday, the program Mission Unstoppable will take place in the meeting room.

An article written and published by Kelly Rembert of Outreach was presented to the Board.

Information requested for next board meeting:

Report on computer rotation and replacement.

Invite Sue Ward to next meeting to discuss:

Board would like an update on the status of CanStrong lawsuit.

LBA –

Open Carry – letter to request City Council make a local ordinance to ban weapons on city campus

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: there were no public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 10 p.m. Motion presented by Mr. Cohen and supported by Ms. Mancini

Next meeting scheduled for December 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.