

Southfield Library Board
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
7:30 pm
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Mancini, Deborah Evans, Dr. Carole McCollough, Bernard Cohen
Eunice M. Rose, Anthony Erebor. Guest: Dr. Allen

Staff: Dave Ewick, Mary Beall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Board president, Eunice M. Rose.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Evans supported by Ms. Mancini

RESOLVED: that the minutes from the regular Library Board meeting of June 17, 2015 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Mancini, Evans, McCollough, Cohen, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

III. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A. Dr. Allen – requests that the meeting room/auditorium be opened again to non-profits, and asked that the Board consider restoring library hours.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. The Revenue Report and Library External Accounts Balance Report was distributed to the Board and discussed.

Mr. Ewick discussed the library’s financial standing as of August 2015.

Motion by Mr. Cohen supported by Ms. Evans

RESOLVED: that the Treasurer's Report of July/August 2015 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Mancini, McCollough, Evans, Cohen, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

V. REPORTS

A. Jr. Library Board Report: No report

B. Deputy Librarian's Report: Mary Beall

- Building Update: We are ordering new task chairs for staff at the service desks. The self-checks are working well and appreciated by patrons.
- Staffing Update: New non-career employees are being hired: Interns in Outreach and Youth, Computer Assistants, and Aides. New Support Coordinator Carla Archer is doing a terrific job in her new position.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Southfield Arts Commission: A lengthy discussion ensued in which the Library Board passed a motion to remove the Southfield Public Library from the Dead Sea Scroll Fundraiser. The Library Board requests a representative from the City Legal Department attend the next meeting to advise the library on the best path forward.

Motion by: Ms. Mancini and supported by: Ms. Evans

RESOLVED: that the Southfield Public Library Board will completely disassociate on the Southfield Arts Commission's fundraiser to purchase and sell limited edition prints of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

AYES: McCollough, Mancini, Evans

NAYS: Cohen

ABTAIN: Rose

MOTION APPROVED.

- B. Efficiency expert: Library Board approved of plans for restructuring and plans to create a new Strategic Library Plan for the future to tackle further issues.
- C. Friends Book Cellar Update: Friends will begin moving into the new space on Monday, September 14, 2015. The Friends Annual meeting will take place on October 21, 2015 with a Gala to celebrate the opening of the new bookstore on October 22, 2015.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meeting room policy: Meeting room discussion has been tabled until next regular Library Board scheduled for October 14, 2015.
- B. Vending machines: Mr. Ewick will contact Facilities Maintenance regarding installation of vending machines for public use.

VII ALL OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Programming:
- B. Correspondence:
- C. Other – upcoming events
 - A.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. McCullough and supported by Mr. Cohen

RESOLVED: The Library Board meeting for September 9, 2015 is adjourned.

AYES: Mancini, Evans, McCollough, Cohen, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

There being no further business to discuss the Library Board Meeting for September 9, 2015 was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southfield Library Board will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Southfield Room located on the 3rd floor of the Library at 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076