

Southfield Library Board
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
6 pm
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: Dave Ewick, Mary Beall, Pat Kidd

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 September 9, 2015 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Mancini, Evans, McCollough, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

III. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- A. Phil Lucas, (LTU) member of the Southfield Arts Commission – Discussed support for the library obtaining the Boy/Bear sculpture to display. The Arts Commission in order to be self-sustaining will need to raise funds. The Arts Commission has currently pursued no other fundraising avenues, will be difficult to negotiate fundraising without support from the library. Arts Commission states that the Boy/Bear sculpture should be placed inside, it would be more expensive to maintain if placed outside.

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 September 2015.

Motion by Ms. Evans supported by Ms. Mancini

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: Meeting on October 5, 2015. JLB members decorated pumpkins that are placed at each public service desk. The JLB board is planning a canned food drive to benefit the South Oakland Shelter. Information will be forthcoming regarding dates and location of bins. Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2015.

B. Deputy Librarian's Report: Mary Beall

- Building Update: Efforts are underway to obtain the process for meeting with the Library Building Authority to discuss needed maintenance repairs to the library such as sealing the windows and repairing the roof.
- Staffing Update: Security training is taking place for new employees and refreshers are being given to all employees. LIC/CIC/Security meetings will continue to keep staff updated on current and changing security concerns.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sue Ward- City Legal Department: A lengthy discussion ensued in which the City Attorney discussed the Northland Art Purchase.

Library cannot loan money but could purchase Dead Sea Scrolls and contract Arts Commission to market and sell items. Ms. Evans opposes further fundraising efforts regarding the Dead Sea Scrolls and this was supported by Ms. Mancini

City will draft invoice to library to obtain \$250,000.00 from the Miller Trust Fund. The Miller Trust Fund is not a restricted fund and can be used by the library.

Discussion tabled until after election to draft a proposal to City Council to obtain the Boy/Bear sculpture if the library agrees to pay for moving and restoration.

Ms. Ward noted that the City of Southfield Northland purchase was paid from restricted funds used for economic development initiatives.

- B. Friends Book Cellar Update: Friends held their first book sale in the new space, and it was well received by patrons. 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. Library Board Calendar 2016: Board members were given a proposed 2016 calendar to review and discuss at next meeting set for November 18, 2016
- B. Board agreed to the Southfield Public Library Board meetings being recorded with audio only beginning with the November 18, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Ms. Evans and supported by Ms. Mancini

RESOLVED: The Library Board meeting will be recorded with audio only beginning on November 18, 2015

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AYES: Mancini, Evans, McCollough, Cohen, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED

- C. Friends of the Southfield Public Library board member Darla Van Hoey will address the board at the November 18, 2015 meeting regarding a request for the library to purchase a computer for Southfield Historical Society
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- D. Request by Ms. Evans to select Board officers at the next board meeting on November 18, 2015. Library Board Vice President Dr. Carole McCollough will conduct the search.

VII ALL OTHER BUSINESS

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

NONE.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Evans and supported by Ms. Mancini

RESOLVED: The Library Board meeting for October 14, 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 October 14, 2015 was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southfield Library Board will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room located on the 3rd floor of the Library at 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076