

MINUTES FOR APRIL 2016 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 by President Mancini. All board members present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2016

Motion made by: Rose Seconded: McCollough Motion carried: 4-0

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - There were no such requests

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - Revenue and Expenditure Report for March 2016:

Motion to approve the financial reports for March 2016:

Motion made by: McCollough Seconded: Rose Motion carried: 4-0

There had been a request for a breakdown of property tax revenue showing how much is current year vs. how much is past/delinquent payments. Ewick was unable to get an answer on this.

V. REPORTS

- A. Junior Library Board Report – the JLB presented a play last week to about 30 children and their parents. Four children's books were performed. In May they will hold a party for the graduating seniors on the JLB.
- B. Deputy Librarian's Report – Beall reported that the library building has switched from heating to cooling for the summer. The Library will be hiring several part time, non-career employees in the next month or so. (Library Assistants, Computer Assistants, an Outreach Assistant and one career position that was recently vacated – Library Clerk II).
- C. Technology update report – Robin Gardella gave an overview of the AV upgrade. We are working with TEL Systems of Ann Arbor to identify needs and develop a bid document. Included will be the meeting room, auditorium, story time room, computer labs, and the Southfield room. She noted that we are not seeking cutting edge items, but rather sturdy, general purpose items that will last and be useful for several years. She also mentioned that the new public computers will be installed this summer.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report from LBA meeting – Ewick reported that the LBA met on 3/10/16 and approved the following expenditures:
 - a. \$60,000 for window repair and replacement throughout the library
 - b. \$20,000 for replacement of lighting in the Teen area to improve visibility
 - c. \$40,000 for replacement of carpeting in the Youth Room
 - d. \$175,000 for Audio-Video upgrades in the Sfld rm, meeting rm & auditorium

LBA will meet again to determine how to proceed with repairs to the fountain once costs are better identified.

Future Projects: The following projects were presented as future needs: Replacement of main mechanical doors to the library; repair of the terrazzo flooring in the Tower Lobby and meeting room hallway; upgrade of security camera system. No board action required.

It was noted that LBA expenditures should be brought before Council as a courtesy.

- B. Gift fund expenditure – Mayor Siver has requested that an additional \$50,000 be donated toward the Northland Artworks purchase. After much discussion, the board decided to direct Mr. Ewick to talk to the Mayor about holding off on any additional funding being taken from the Library until after the fund raising campaign is completed with the hopes that the additional \$50,000 will not be needed. There is a feeling that the Library & Friends have already approved \$300,000 in funding to the Northland Artworks and concern that the Library has several Capital needs for which those funds may be needed. Ewick will invite the Mayor to the May Board meeting.
- C. Boy/Bear installation – Unveiling and reception – Ewick handed out a list of questions created by the management team with answers from Mayor Siver, Mark Brandt and himself. He also provided copies of the Arts Commission’s brochure.
 - a. Unveiling – 6:00 May 19th – all board members who can attend, please do so
 - b. Public Unveiling – 6:00 May 23 – again, all who can attend should do so
- D. Story time renovation – Cindy Cares and Mary Beall met with Chris de Bear of Library Design Associates to review possibilities. No time table is yet set for the project. Ed Roberts will also be asked to make some suggestions. More info to come.
- E. Fountain – City Centre Committee – Ewick noted that he has not yet had the opportunity to speak with Terry Croad about this issue. Mr. Croad has been out of state helping a sick parent.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Transforming Libraries – Ewick showed a short video created by the ALA and asked for discussion on how SPL could participate. The same discussion will be held by the management team. The suggestion was made to ask the graduating JLB members how the library has transformed them.

VIII. ALL OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Programming – Both Spell Bowl and Battle of the Books programs were recent successes.
 - a. Star Wars: The Force Awakens viewing party this weekend!
 - b. Fairy Tale Fete – next week (April 18-22)
 - c. Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Troupe coming April 27
 - d. Local author Jim Hines May 4th(Holt, MI)
 - e. TED talks – May 9
- B. Correspondence/Articles
MLA president’s update – 5 finger approach to messaging
- C. Other
Chamber’s 3rd Thursday program – Friends hosting 4/20 (Wed.)
Oakland Co. Economic Outlook Lunch – 5/5/16 –
Code Enforcement discussion – tomorrow in Pavilion

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:55 to adjourn by: Rose Seconded: McCollough Motion carried: 4-0

Next Southfield Public Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7pm.