

Southfield Library Board
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
7 pm
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: Dave Ewick, Mary Beall, Pat Kidd

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Board president, Laura Mancini. Mancini held a brief discussion about the Open Meetings Act with the Board.

Mancini added two items to the agenda for Wednesday January 13 under New Business:
c. Patron Request – Freedom to Read, and d. Strategic Plan.

Motion by: Rose, second by McCollough

RESOLVED: to accept the agenda as amended

AYES: Rose, McCollough Cohen

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McCollough, second by Cohen

RESOLVED: that the minutes from the regular Library Board meeting of December 9, 2015 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Rose, McCollough, Cohen

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

III. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A. None

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 December 2015.

Motion by McCollough supported by Ms. Rose

RESOLVED: that the Treasurer's Report of December 2015 be approved as submitted.

AYES: Cohen, McCollough, Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

V. REPORTS

- A. Jr. Library Board Report: Anthony Erebor noted that the group met the new Teen Librarian Ashley Finkbeiner and they are excited to work with her. He also told the board that the Jr. Library Board will be holding a bake sale for staff on Feb. 9.

- B. Deputy Librarian's Report: Mary Beall

- Building Update: The roof inspection was completed and the roof looks in very good shape, needing only a few repairs.

A personal and workplace safety program will be held on Friday, January 15 for all staff. Officer Kelly Buckberry, head of Southfield Crime Prevention, will conduct the program.

- Staffing Update: Ashley Finkbeiner, new Teen Librarian, started this week. The new Aides have been doing a terrific job keeping materials shelved, and cleaning up the shelves.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Northland Art: The Board discussed placing the Boy/Bear outside, the costs, where to be located. The Board requested that the DIA be contacted to assess restoration and if being placed outside will harm the sculpture.

- B. Board Vacancy: Terry Selman has been appointed as the new Library Board Member. Ms. Selman will begin serving with the next board meeting on February 10, 2016.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Metro Times: The Board discussed a request to display the free publication Metro Times in the library.

RESOLVED: that the Metro Times would not be displayed in the library as the magazines can be picked up at other local facilities.

AYES: Mancini, McCollough, Cohen

ABSTAINED: Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

- B. RFP for Strategic Plan: A plan will be presented to the City's purchasing agent to hire a consulting firm to assist in creating a new strategic plan.

Mr. Ewick requested that each Board member brings in two goals they would like the library to tackle.

- C. New computers: Public computers will be replaced. There was a discussion as to whether to use fund balance, gift funds or LBA.

VII ALL OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Rose and supported by Mr. Cohen

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

AYES: Mancini, Cohen, McCollough Rose

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED.

There being no further business to discuss the Library Board Meeting for January 13, 2016 was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southfield Library Board will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room located on the 3rd floor of the Library at 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076