

**SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY October 11, 2017, 7 PM
SOUTHFIELD ROOM**

Members Present: Rose, Selman, McCollough, Mancini
Guests: Gerard Mullins, Pam Gerald

Excused: Cohen, Lowenberg
Staff: Ewick

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – the meeting was called to order by President Rose at 7:20 PM.
- II. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** - *Motion to approve the agenda by McCollough. Second by Selman. Motion carried 4-0*

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Regular Meeting of September 13, 2017
- B. September 2017 Treasurer’s Report
- C. Correspondence/Articles
 - A. Six Great Ideas for Library Partnerships
 - B. Letter announcing funds lost to tax capture

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by McCollough. Second by Selman. Motion carried 4-0

- IV. **FORMAL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** – none received

V. REPORTS

A. Deputy Librarian’s Report

- a. Personnel
 - i. Intern hiring is in process, along with requests to begin the process for Librarians.
- b. Building
 - i. Exterior Lighting project – Bids were opened today
 - ii. Window replacement - still in Purchasing
 - iii. Teen Room Light project – awaiting parts, but mostly done
 - iv. Sidewalk/parking lot project – there is still work to be done but the circle and surrounding sidewalks have been beautifully replaced
 - v. Fountain project – still getting ideas from firms

B. Director’s Report

- a. Salina Yoon author visit report – Ewick reported that this program, sponsored by DENSO, was a great success. Ms. Yoon visited 3 schools and presented to a group of 40 adults and children at the library. She was very good at holding audience interest.
- b. Taste of Southfield report – Rose, Selman and McCollough were able to attend. Ewick noted that he discovered two groups to approach for a library program: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the organ donor program Gift of Life.

- c. Partners for Education – Ewick chaired the first meeting of this group. He shared that Celebrity Readers will continue but will be joined by a new program called Reading Buddies. Reading Buddies will be more of a long term mentoring program where a group ‘adopts’ a classroom for a semester and reads with them each week in small groups. Also: SPS is beginning work on a Skilled Trades component which will offer high school students the chance to learn toward the Carpentry, Electrical, or HVAC trades while still in high school.
- d. TLN Meeting – Ewick noted that Anthony Minghine of the Michigan Municipal League spoke at a recent TLN meeting and had a well documented presentation on how Michigan local gov’t., including libraries, has been hurt by the recession and the legislature. Ewick handed out an info sheet on the presentation and plans to request that Mr. Minghine come make a presentation to the public at SPL. He encouraged board members to attend that program and to also review the MML website found at www.savemycity.org for more information.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Lathrup Village contract – Ewick is working to arrange a meeting with the City Administrator and Board members.
- B. Expansion of Hours – due to delays in the hiring process, the date to expand library hours has been pushed back to July 1, 2018. Board members expressed support for the delay to ensure new personnel are trained and prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. President Rose read a complaint letter from a patron about staff not being friendly.
- B. President Rose shared that several books have been plated in memory of longtime Friend of the Library June Detrisac; who ran the Book Sale for many years.
- C. Guest Pam Gerald suggested that she had always felt welcomed by staff but that the library’s phone system is difficult. She also suggested that Story times be used to assist children in memory recall and etiquette.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mancini noted that she has attended meetings where it was not known she was a board member and had heard praise on our staff, especially Kelly Rembert.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by President Rose at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Ewick, City Librarian

Next Southfield Public Library Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 8, 2017 at 7pm.