

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: August 27, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Meeting Room

A.Call to order and roll call of members:

Secretary Tonya McDade called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Gary Denué
Pete Fornof
Emily Gates
Tonya McDade
JoAnn Nabe
Gloria Zupanci

Absent:

Kim Harrison
Robert LaRose
Sharon Whittaker

B.Introduction of guests:

Librarian-Director Deanne W. Holshouser, Assistant-Director Susan Carr,
Practicum student Erica Pyle

C.Disposition of regular minutes:

Motion by JoAnn Nabe, seconded by Pete Fornof to approve minutes of the
Tuesday, July 8th and the Wednesday, July 30th Board meetings.

Motion carried.

Emily Gates arrived after the vote.

D.Communications:

The Board received a thank you from the McDade family for the Board's
sympathy card at the passing of her mother-in-law, Ernestine.

Local author Jason Garrett donated a copy of his recent novel and wrote a
complimentary letter about the Library and its presence in the community.

Ratio Architects wrote a note thanking Deanne for their tour and confirming
their interview appointment.

Former employee Jackie Burnside sent Deanne a note with an excerpt of author Larry McMurtry's writing on the importance of books in libraries.

Barb Driesner, Youth Services Librarian, joined the meeting to report on the summer reading program that was themed "Get In The Game – Read!" The program ran Monday, June 2nd through Wednesday, July 30th. There were 725 children who signed up for the reading clubs. The completion rate of 44% was up 7% over last year. There were 35 programs offered in addition to the reading clubs, with the biggest draw being "Serengeti Steve." Also known as "The Reptile Man," his menagerie of animals included reptiles, snakes, and spiders. He told stories of his experiences with animals, explained their special traits, and let members of the audience touch or hold them. Barb reported that she held a 3-year-old alligator measuring about 3 feet in length.

E. Committee Reports:

1) Building

New flip top tables on casters have been purchased from KI Inc. for the large meeting room.

2) Personnel

Justin Smith is leaving the Library to work at the Purina corporate Library in St. Louis. Carrie Kuchta and Corrine Perkins have been hired as clerks and Ethan Braasch and Olivia Freese as pages. Erica Pyle is working on a practicum at EPL for a class at the University of Missouri Columbia.

3) Elf Liaison

The Elfs will meet on Wednesday, September 3rd.

4) Ad Hoc Committee

a. Long Range Planning

Henderson Associates Architects will tour the building on Thursday, August 28th.

Information packets have been prepared for Board members to use during architect interviews. Interviews will be conducted in Saturday, September 27th beginning with a meeting with Fred Schlipf at 10:15 a.m. APACE Design will be interviewed on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m.

F.Finance Committee:

City Clerk Dennis McCracken is examining charges on the City's AT&T telephone bill. Deanne confirmed that the Library has only one payphone.

Motion by Gary Denu, seconded by Emily Gates to approve the bills prepaid by the City Clerk in the amount of \$58,804.10.

Roll call:

Denu - yes
Fornof - yes
Gates - yes
McDade - yes
Nabe - yes
Zupanci - yes

Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Denu, seconded by JoAnn Nabe to approve the bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$38,840.95.

Roll call:

Motion carried.

Denu - yes
Fornof - yes
Gates - yes
McDade - yes
Nabe - yes
Zupanci - yes

Motion carried.

G.Lewis & Clark Report:

JoAnn Nabe reported there was no LCLS Board meeting scheduled prior to this meeting. The yard sale conducted Friday, August 22nd and Saturday, 23rd was successful, raising about \$1,500.00.

H.Librarian-Director Report:

For the Tuesday, November 4th general election, the Library will be a polling place for two precincts.

The City's Health Insurance Committee is investigating a post employment investment account for unused sick and vacation time.

The Youth Department's Teen Band Night was held on the Band shell on the evening of Tuesday, August 12th. A phone call requesting a police presence at the Park resulted in two officers arriving at the close of the concert, although Library staff was present and attendee behavior was exemplary. It was later disclosed that a City Council member had driven by and thought the group of teens on City Park grounds warranted a police check.

I.Unfinished Business:

None.

J.New Business:

The online version of the Fall Newsletter has been corrected to include Pete Fornof in the list of members of the Board of Trustees.

K.Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Tonya McDade at 8:00 p.m.