

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: March 25, 2009
Time: 7:04 p.m.
Place: Meeting Room

A. Call to order and roll call of members:

President LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present:

Gary Denué
Pete Fornof
Emily Gates
Kim Harrison
Robert LaRose
JoAnn Nabe
Sharon Whittaker (arrived after roll call)

Absent:

Tonya McDade
Gloria Zupanci

B. Introduction of guests:

Librarian-Director Deanne W. Holshouser, Assistant-Director Susan Carr

C. Disposition of regular minutes:

Motion by Pete Fornof, seconded by Kim Harrison to approve minutes of the Wednesday, February 25th Board meeting.

Motion carried.

D. Communications:

Deanne received an email from Hans Krol asking her to send postcards of the Edwardsville Public Library to his Library museum. They are collecting library postcards for a display in the Netherlands.

The Library received a letter from Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White that it has been awarded an Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$30,333.32 for the fiscal year 2009.

Library Board members and the Librarian-Director received letters of economic interest to be filed at the County Clerk's office.

The Library received an email through the EPL webpage from an unhappy patron. The patron asked that the staff be more conscientious in answering when a patron says “thank you” by then expressing a verbal “you are welcome” sentiment.

E. Committee Reports:

1) Building

The east slope garden has been weeded and mulched for the spring by Sugarloaf Landscape Nursery.

Edwardsville Plumbing & Heating was called to repair clogged drains in the restrooms this past month.

Inspection of the skylights and replacement of nonfunctioning blowers in the ceiling heating and cooling system are both in the research phase.

The Madison County Sheltered Care Home has donated money to the Library for a memorial to Elizabeth Agles, who served the shelter for many years. Bill Cerny is building a book case for the area to the right of the fireplace, which will be dedicated to her memory.

2) Personnel

Staff members have been meeting as teams to discuss their projects for presentation at the staff development meeting.

Deanne prepared packets for the Personnel and Finance Committee members with information about sick leave policies from City Hall and other libraries.

3) Elf Liaison

Rich Walker’s Thursday, March 19th program about the Wildey Theater was cancelled and will be rescheduled some time in May.

4) Ad Hoc Committee

a. Long Range Planning

Deanne met informally with Library Consultant Fred Schlipf for lunch on Monday, March 23rd.

F. Lewis & Clark Report:

JoAnn Nabe reported that the LCLS Board met and had the first reading of their budget. They are working on ways to improve deficit projections. The System is planning to send representatives to Illinois Library Day on Thursday, April 23rd in Springfield, Illinois. JoAnn noted that the Illinois Library Association has raised over \$35,000.00 through sales of license plates featuring an image of President Barack Obama. JoAnn brought samples of a new informational handout the System has published for distribution.

G. Librarian-Director Report:

The Library is one of several taking part in a statewide grant to gather information from Illinois citizens about activities and services they would like to see offered at the public library. Grant co-coordinator Mary Jordon conducted interviews with Edwardsville patrons who volunteered for the project on Tuesday, March 24th.

Cindy Reinhardt, from the SIUE Bookstore, is interested in working with local bookstores and the Library to promote literary book events.

H. Finance Committee:

Motion by Emily Gates, seconded by Pete Fornof to approve the bills prepaid by the City Clerk in the amount of \$ 50,382.09.

Roll call:

- Denué - yes
- Fornof - yes
- Gates - yes
- Harrison - yes
- Nabe - yes
- Whittaker - yes
- LaRose - yes

Motion carried.

Motion Kim Harrison, seconded by Emily Gates to approve the bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$ 22,191.11.

Roll call:

- Denué - yes
- Fornof - yes
- Gates - yes
- Harrison - yes
- Nabe - yes
- Whittaker - yes
- LaRose - yes

Motion carried.

I. Unfinished Business:

None.

J. New Business:

None.

K. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 7:32 p.m.