

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: February 24, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Meeting Room

Call to order and roll call of members:

President LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Denué
Pete Fornof
Kim Harrison
Robert LaRose
JoAnn Nabe
Sharon Whittaker

Absent:

Emily Gates
Gloria Zupanci

A. Introduction of guests:

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

B. Disposition of regular minutes:

Motion by Joann Nabe, seconded by Sharon Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 27th 2010 Board, Personnel Committee and Finance Committee meetings.

Motion carried.

It was noted that a correction was made to the minutes of the Wednesday, November 30th Board minutes. A reference to “the Church of Christ” was changed to “the Church of God.”

C. Communications:

The Library received a thank you letter from the Glen Carbon Library staff for our congratulatory gift of candy for their recognition as Library Journals’ Best Small Library in America award.

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce sent a thank you note for the Library’s participation in their Annual Dinner and Auction. The Library donated a gift basket for the auction.

City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler informed Deanne that the City of Edwardsville complies with Illinois Senate Bill 189, Public Act 096-0542 which states a

unit of government must appoint FOIA Officers and OMA Designees. He further explained that since the Library is part of the City, it also complies with the same.

Deanne read comments collected from the “Snapshot Day Survey.” There were many complimentary remarks about the friendly staff at the Library.

D. Committee Reports:

1) Building

Deanne reported that the skylight and roof repairs are complete and the skylight insurance reimbursement has been moved to the revenue line item.

Deanne reported that she, Bob LaRose, Pete Fornof and Susan Carr will meet with architect Joe Huberty and building consultant Fred Schlipf on Friday, May 14th to discuss space assignment ideas prior to an addition to the building. Fred and Joe will meet with the staff the day before.

Deanne met with LCLS Director Tina Hubert to discuss leasing space in their building.

2) Personnel

Plans for staff development day are in place.

Deanne has received positive feedback from patrons about the new Youth Services Librarian Anne Wolfe. The Lego Club program has been a hit.

E. Elf Report

Sharon Whittaker reported that the Elfs are hosting a thank you lunch for Carnegie volunteer workers on Saturday, March 6th from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. The Elfs will have their regular Board meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd. The Elfs are also funding the “Warm Up With a Good Book” program.

F. Lewis & Clark Report:

JoAnn Nabe reported that the Board reviewed the LCLS bylaws and standards of service. They discussed future contracts having a “no fines or penalties” clause if funding is cut. She reported that they are actively looking into leasing out space in the building. She noted that the northern Library Systems are discussing merging. A resolution was made that Gatenet reserves will go to Gatenet members if LCLS were to dissolve.

G. Finance

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Kim Harrison to approve the prepaid bills in the amount of \$150,039.37.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Kim Harrison to approve the bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$22,250.52.

Roll call:

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

Motion carried.

H. Librarian Director's Report

Deanne reported that City Treasurer Rich Hampton informed her that the Library's reserve fund is pooled with City funds but not accessed for other uses.

The Illinois State Bar Association donated a set of the books "The Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Legal Documents and Cases." A presentation was held Friday, February 12th at the Library.

The Route 66 Festival will be organized by the City and held in the City Park on Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th.

From Sunday, February 14th to Sunday, February 28th all fine monies collected at the Library will be sent to the Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity for Haiti relief.

We are starting a second Coventry Crafters program on the first Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Deanne informed the Board that Julie Reiner has retired from her position as part time Reference Librarian.

Kim Harrison noted that Glen Carbon Library advertises some of its programs in a church bulletin.

I. Unfinished Business

None.

J. New Business

None.

K. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 7:35 p.m.