

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: October 27, 2010
Time: 7:05 p.m.
Place: Meeting Room

Call to order and roll call of members:

President LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present:

Gary Denué
Pete Fornof
Emily Gates
Kim Harrison
Robert LaRose
Francie Powell
Sharon Whittaker

Absent:

JoAnn Nabe
Gloria Zupanci

A. Introduction of guests:

Librarian-Director Deanne W. Holshouser, Assistant-Director Susan Carr, and guest Betsy Gates

B. Disposition of regular minutes:

Motion by Emily Gates, seconded by Pete Fornof to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, September 29th 2010 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

C. Communications:

The Edwardsville Intelligencer has asked to install a vending machine for their newspaper by the Kansas Street book drop. Deanne will direct them to inquire with the Parks Department.

Mary Jo Schmidt sent a thank you note for the goodie bag the Library sent for her retirement as Executive Secretary for Mayor Gary Niebur.

The Board signed a get well card for Gloria Zupanci.

President LaRose received a call from a patron who is unhappy with the direction the Library is taking and inquired about how one would be appointed to the Board.

D. Committee Reports:

1) Building

Deanne presented an estimate summary for the renovation project.

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Francie Powell to approve the contract with the L. Wolfe Company for the construction of the renovation project.

Roll call:

Denué – yes

Fornof – yes

Gates – yes

Harrison – yes

Powell – yes

Whittaker – yes

LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

The estimated cost of the total renovation project is \$270,710.00.

Deanne requested that the Elfs consider funding the cost of a display unit for the Children's department in conjunction with the renovation project.

2) Personnel

A discussion about the education policy in the EPL policy manual was held.

Motion by Kim Harrison, seconded by Pete Fornof to remove the existing education policy from the EPL Policy Manual.

Motion carried.

Deanne reported that the blog Alana Tibbets has been working on is up and running on the Library website. She distributed questionnaires to Board members for the Board information section of the blog.

Deanne has posted the position of computer technician on the online SIUE student job listing.

3) Finance

Gary Denué reported that the Finance Committee agreed to recommend the tax levy for FY 2011-2012 be set at \$1,171,000.00, a 2% increase from the FY 2010-2011 budget.

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Pete Fornof to set the tax levy for the FY 2011-2012 at \$1,171,000.00.

Roll call:

Denué – yes

Fornof – yes

Gates – yes

Harrison – yes

Powell – yes

Whittaker – yes

LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Kim Harrison to approve the prepaid bills in the amount of \$63,105.47.

Roll call:

Denué – yes

Fornof – yes

Gates – yes

Harrison – yes

Powell – 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 \$34,874.20.

Roll call:

Denué – yes

Fornof – yes

Gates – yes

Harrison – yes

Powell – yes

Whittaker – yes

LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

E. Elf Report:

Sharon Whittaker reported that the Elfs are funding the annual Photo Contest and the Riverwinds Storytellers at the Witches Brew event for Halloween. On November 16th there will be a program on how to make homemade food gifts

for the holidays, presented by Carol Schlitt, a retired educator from the University of Illinois Extension.

Sharon reported that the Elfs plan to wrap gifts at Borders this year, and that Carnegie's will be closed during the renovation construction.

F. Lewis & Clark Report:

Deanne reported for JoAnn Nabe that she attended a meeting at the Litchfield Carnegie Public Library about the pending Systems merger. On October 12th the Southern Strategic Planning Panel met at LCLS. Timelines have been set and the process is moving forward quickly.

On October 13th the LCLS Board passed the resolution for the merger. Two parcels of land at LCLS will be put up for sale, and there is a possible tenant for one of the upper floor rooms. The Delivery Supervisor is retiring after 30 years and the position is expected to be filled in-house.

On October 14th JoAnn attended a meeting of the System presidents and directors. A talk was given by the director of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. The remainder of the FY 2010 state money is expected to be released in December.

G. Librarian-Director's Report:

The Library will serve as a polling place on Tuesday, November 2nd. One precinct will be set up in the Children's room and the other in Carnegie's due to a full day of programming planned in the meeting room.

Deanne discussed having an event geared towards families in the spring to highlight the renovations.

H. Unfinished Business:

None.

I. New Business:

None.

J. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 8:05 p.m.