



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES, Monthly Board Meeting
MARCH 16, 2009

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Ann Conigliaro
Michael Earl
Ileane Thal
David Underdown
Andrew Harris
Ronald Vander Molen

Absent and Excused:
None

Library Staff:

Martha L. Custer, Library Director
Doug Koschik, Associate director
Matthew Church, Associate Director

Public
Warren Spatz - Friends of the Baldwin Library

The meeting was held at the Baldwin Public Library, John Delos Board Room, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009, was called to order by Ann Conigliaro, president at 7:37 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items B through D, excluding item A.

1st. Harris
2nd Thal

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Financial Discussion:

Ann Conigliaro requested further explanation of open purchase orders, and their description in the narrative. Steve Pollack and Marti Custer explained a \$45,000 technology item.

4. President's Report

Conigliaro remarked that legal counsel will produce a letter of explanation, but it is not yet ready. Custer said that the liaison to Beverly Hills requested a closed meeting with two of the Council members because it is a legal contract. Custer recommended the Board appoint two members to attend the meeting, with Conigliaro

being one of them. Dr. Vander Molen accepted the nomination to attend. Conigliaro had reassessed the committee assignments, and recommended changes:

Finance committee: Earl and Harris
Building: Vander Molen and Earl
Community Relations: Thal and Underdown
Policy: Harris and Thal
Personnel: Conigliaro and Underdown

5. Library Report

Harris suggested sending a letter to the State Librarian and the Governor pursuing funds from the stimulus plan. Custer said the City has included the library in their request from the stimulus for the replacement of the HVAC system.

Vander Molen asked how to determine resident users, and Custer said they are residents of Birmingham, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms. She described new rules that have decreased use by non-residents, except for Bloomfield Township residents. She described premium services, such as placing holds, interlibrary loans, etc. Conigliaro asked if programming, which was reduced during lower level renovations, is back up to previous levels. Custer said levels are up but not as high as before the renovation. If budgetary restraints forced cutting back on programming, Custer assured the Board that statistics would show the most highly attended programs.

Committee reports: Earl said the Finance committee is still working on the budget. The Budget Hearing has been posted. Earl had just heard from the Mayor, who affirmed that benefits for library employees could be treated differently than benefits for City employees.

6. Liaisons

Friends of the Baldwin Library

Warren Spatz: Friends are seeking three new members for the Board. The annual book sale will be the weekend of May 8-11.

Village of Beverly Hills:

Custer had reported for Lee Peddie earlier in the meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Consent agenda item A: Earl said the second sentence in the third paragraph should be struck from the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes: Earl, Vander Molen

8. Public Comment

Dorothy Conrad suggested the library consider adding a student as a non-voting member of the Board.

Marti Custer requested a closed session to consider her 2008 performance evaluation. It was agreed to delay the closed session under after the Trust meeting.

9. Adjourn

1st Thal

2nd Earl

The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

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The Library Board of Directors reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Motion to go into closed session:

1st Thal
2nd Underdown

Approved by roll call vote:

Yes:
Conigliaro
Earl
Thal
Harris
Vander Molen
Underdown

Nays:

None

The Library Board reconvened at 10:45.

No further action. Meeting adjourned by consensus.