

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2007

- Present** Paul Vander Meer, Ileana Thal, Joan Heinicke, Seth Chafetz, Tom Sweeney
- Absent** Ann Conigliaro
- Staff** Martha Custer – Director, Wendy Lampert – Administrative Assistant, Doug Koschik – Associate Director
- Guests** Dorothy Conrad, Margaret Betts, Mary Lou Barker, Lee Peddie, David Zoellner, David Bloom
- Call to Order** President Paul Vander Meer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
- Consent Agenda** Joan Heinicke requested item B removed. Seth Chafetz requested item A removed. Ileana Thal made a motion to approve item C. Seth Chafetz seconded.
VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Tom Sweeney
Ileana Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro
Marti Custer presented the vouchers in the amount of \$388,507.02 to Tom Sweeney to be signed.
- Financial Report** The completed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year will be available next month.
- President’s Report** No report.
- Library Report** Marti Custer reported receiving a letter from the Oakland County Library regarding the Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the library community feels it is the responsibility of the county. The city advised the library to dispose of the old furniture from the Circulation office.

The possibility of donating the furniture to various charities was discussed.

The contract with Rewold still is not signed. Marti Custer said the library had received a letter from Baird asking for a retraction. The discussion was postponed until next month after the Board members have reviewed the letter.

Doug Koschik made a presentation comparing Baldwin Public Library service statistics with other libraries.

Friends of the Library No liaison present.

Beverly Hills No report.

Committee Reports

Building Seth Chafetz reported that the Building Committee met and discussed the implications of Shain Park and underground parking on library services and of the need for developing a long range vision plan, and the potential to fund art on the lower level through donations.

Seth Chafetz made a motion to set up a meeting between the city commission and the library board. Ileana Thal seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Tom Sweeney
Ileana Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

Miscellaneous The Board set the employee service award luncheon for Thursday, September 6th at a local restaurant.

Marti Custer stated the world cinema collection will be a rotating collection with four other libraries.

Tom Sweeney made a motion to approve item B individual vouchers in excess of \$6000. Ileana Thal

seconded. The Board discussed the Goldner Walsh invoice. Seth Chafetz recused himself.

VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Tom Sweeney
Ileane Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

Tom Sweeney made a motion to amend the June 18, 2007 minutes to state: “..the ethics board orally announced its decision and indicated it will issue a written report.” Seth Chafetz seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Tom Sweeney
Ileane Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

Tom Sweeney moved to amend the June 18, 2007 minutes to state: “Paul Vander Meer shared an email exchange between himself and Coco Siewert regarding adding new items to the agenda” and strike the second and third sentences. Seth Chafetz seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Tom Sweeney
Ileane Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

David Bloom suggested not approving the minutes until the issue with David Zoellner is resolved.

Ileane Thal moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting. Tom Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Tom Sweeney
Ileane Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

The motion failed.

Public Comment

Dorothy Conrad asked why the Board members had not seen the letter from Baird.

David Bloom said there was plenty of time to distribute the letter to the Board members.

David Zoellner would like his letter put in the next packet.

Adjournment

The July 16, 2007 meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:49 P.M. Motioned by Ileana Thal. Tom Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Joan Heinicke
Seth Chafetz
Tom Sweeney
Ileana Thal
Paul Vander Meer
Nays, None
Absent, Ann Conigliaro

Next Meeting

August 20, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Room

Tom Sweeney
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Baldwin Public Library

Minutes prepared by Wendy Lampert