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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2007

Present	Paul Vander Meer, Ileana Thal, Joan Heinicke, Seth Chafetz, Tom Sweeney, Ann Conigliaro
Absent	None
Staff	Martha Custer – Director, Wendy Lampert – Administrative Assistant, Julie Farkas – Associate Director, Doug Koschik – Associate Director
Guests	Margaret Betts, Warren Spatz, Lee Peddie, Roseanne Koss
Call to Order	President Paul Vander Meer called the meeting to order at 8:18 P.M.
Consent Agenda	<p>Joan Heinicke wanted item C removed. Seth Chafetz made a motion to approve items A and B. Ileana Thal seconded.</p> <p>VOTE: Yeas, Ann Conigliaro Joan Heinicke Tom Sweeney Ileana Thal Seth Chafetz Paul Vander Meer</p> <p>Nays, None Absent, None</p>
Financial Report	Marti Custer passed out the agenda for the city commission meeting for Monday night. Tom Sweeney will present the library budget.
President's Report	Paul Vander Meer discussed the schedule for the Director's evaluation this year. Marti Custer will have her self-evaluation turned in to the board by the middle of May and then the Board members will have until the first of June. The evaluation will be done at the June meeting. The Board confirmed May 6, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for the planning session.
Library Report	Marti Custer handed out information on the Bloomfield Twp. Library case that was heard by the Supreme Court last week. It is hoped to have a ruling by June

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or July. There is a moratorium on state aid for libraries; Baldwin will not get the second half of state aid for this fiscal year. A staff member complained about the air quality on the lower level. This city had the air tested. The mold that was found is not the dangerous type but steps will be taken to eliminate it regardless. The retirement plan changes will take effect with the new fiscal year. The fundraising workshop at the library will be Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Friends of the Library

Warren Spatz said the Friends gave the library a check for \$30,000. The book sale is May 11-14th. The annual meeting was yesterday and two board members resigned. The program with jazz singer Jesse Palter was well received. The next meeting is May 8th.

Beverly Hills

Nothing.

Miscellaneous

The board discussed the possibility of a smoking ban on the library property. The board wants Marti Custe to come up with a plan recommendation.

Tom Sweeney moved approval of a continuing education stipend of \$450 for Heather Murray. Joan Heinicke seconded. The board discussed the issue.

VOTE: Yeas, Ann Conigliaro

Joan Heinicke

Tom Sweeney

Ileane Thal

Seth Chafetz

Paul Vander Meer

Nays, None

Absent, None

Ileane Thal made a motion to accept the quote from Library Design for renovation of the Circ/Youth office in the amount of \$66,730 to be paid from budget line 5002 Building. Tom Sweeney seconded. The Board discussed whether this issue could be voted on without first being noticed to the public. Ileane Thal withdrew her motion. Tom Sweeney withdrew his second. The Board will meet next Monday night, April 30th at 7:15 P.M. before the city commission meeting.

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Ileane Thal moved to approve the vouchers for March and certifying of claims. Tom Sweeney seconded. Joan Heinicke read a statement: President Mr. Vander Meer had an obligation to notify the full board at a public meeting that he had moved. When the president Mr. Vander Meer's residency became an issue, Mr. Vander Meer should have contacted the city clerk regarding rules of residency for elected officials. The taxpayers of Birmingham should not pay for a personal legal opinion for any board member. Mr. Vander Meer refuted the accuracy of her statement. Following discussion the Board voted.

VOTE: Yeas, Ann Conigliaro

Tom Sweeney

Ileane Thal

Paul Vander Meer

Nays, Seth Chafetz

Joan Heinicke

Absent, None

Marti Custer presented the vouchers in the amount of \$328,336.53 to Tom Sweeney to be signed.

Public Comment

Warren Spatz asked what the Research International voucher was for. Marti Custer explained it is for the dvd cleaner which will be demonstrated at next month's meeting.

Adjournment

The April 23, 2007 meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:12 P.M. Motioned by Ileane Thal. Ann Conigliaro seconded.

VOTE: Yeas, Ann Conigliaro

Joan Heinicke

Tom Sweeney

Ileane Thal

Seth Chafetz

Paul Vander Meer

Nays, None

Absent, None

Next Meeting

May 21, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Room

Tom Sweeney
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Baldwin Public Library

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