

**Homewood Public Library District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Public Library Conference Room
August 15, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Macikas-Blumstein, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mrs. Colton; Ms. Macikas-Blumstein; Mr. Myers; Mrs. Rauch, Administrative Librarian; and Mr. Auston, Assistant Administrative Librarian. Mr. Bouchie, Mr. Olsen and Mrs. Postma were all absent for various reasons.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None were visible at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda with the minutes amended. A roll call vote passed. (4 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Ms. Macikas-Blumstein, and Mr. Myers]); 3 Absent [Mr. Bouchie, Mr. Olsen, and Mrs. Postma])

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Olsen was not present.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – Mrs. Rauch is researching our credit card options to see how the “cash-back” options can benefit the library. She met with Harris Bank last month to discuss electronic banking options and will continue researching those options with other banks as well. She had no statistics to share with the Board this meeting, but quickly assured everyone that she will have a full year-end compilation of statistics at the September meeting. She announced that the library will receive Donnelly Dollars again next year. The drama with the florist continues – they have not yet picked up the flowers on the stairway, so the Board agreed to wait and see what happens. The Friends of the Homewood Library have approved the library’s wish list, including the Peek A Book kiosk and a portion of the cost of the new sculpture. Mrs. Rauch mentioned that two people were needed to do the Secretary Audit for last fiscal year – Mrs. Macikas-Blumstein and Mrs. Colton volunteered to do it. The Friends of the Homewood Library received a check from Mayor Richard Hofeld for \$100. Mrs. Macikas-Blumstein somehow missed the President’s Breakfast, but assured everyone that she will attend the next one. Mabel Murphy’s family has donated a total of \$2500, matched by Bank of America, for a total of \$5000. Mrs. Macikas-Blumstein will draft a letter of thanks to the family.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – Mr. Auston reported that the library experienced a power surge a couple of weeks earlier that adversely affected many of the library’s computers. As he examined the current status of the library’s network, he discovered a number of flaws with the entire system. Some flaws require immediate action; others can be done on an as-needed basis. He also related a conversation he had with a landscape architect regarding the installation of the new sculpture by the library’s entrance. The landscape architect pointed out, as kindly as

possible, that we may want to rethink the landscaping all together. Mr. Auston will continue to gather information and get proposals from other landscape architects.

CORRESPONDANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – A walk-around will be scheduled upon Mr. Bouchie's triumphant return in September

Policy – The Policy Committee has created new, improved updated bylaws for the Library Board. A spirited discussion ensued. It was agreed that the new bylaws are a vast improvement over the old ones, but there are a couple of areas that need a little more tinkering. Ms. Macikas-Blumstein agreed to work on these areas. Mr. Barr will work on updating the Mission Statement.

Goals – No report

Evaluation – No report

Finance – We're doing fine

Book – No report

Suggestion Box – Patron comments were read and discussed

OLD BUSINESS

Building remodel update – Mrs. Rauch will meet with the architects soon, and will provide a report at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Donation Installation – it was agreed that the installation of the sculpture will be kept on a separate timeline from the building remodeling project. The possibility of displaying the sculpture in the library in the interim was discussed, and quickly and sensibly discarded.

There will be a meeting at Village Hall on Thursday, August 16, 2007, to discuss the TIF surplus. It was agreed that a board member should attend. Mr. Myers indicated that he would try to get off work early so he could be there and represent the library's interests.

A new end-of-the-year report has been completed and is awaiting board officer signatures.

A memorial for Greg Postma was discussed.

MEETINGS – None to speak of

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM
Myers/Colton. No one disagreed.