

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Public Library Makeshift Conference Room (Upstairs)
February 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mr. Bouchie; Mrs. Colton; Mr. Flor; Ms. Macikas-Blumstein; Mr. Myers; and Mrs. Rauch, Administrative Librarian. Ms. Postma was absent. Mr. Greg Weiss also attended the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Colton/Macikas-Blumstein. A roll call vote passed. (6 Ayes).

TREASURER’S REPORT – The library’s debt certificate to finance the remodeling project was accepted with a 3.14% interest rate. The library had obtained an “AA-“ credit rating from Standard & Poor’s pertaining to the debt certificate. The library obtained a favorable interest rate of 3.4% on a certificate of deposit (renewal).

OLD BUSINESS – Ordinance 124, to authorize the debt certificate for financing the library remodeling project, was signed.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – Three candidates have filed for the three board positions that will be open: Mr. Chris Flor, Ms. Amy Eagle, and Mr. Greg Weiss. Library circulation statistics were presented. The Friends will have one more book sale before removing their inventory to help prepare for the remodeling project. Further discussions included one incident report, changes to the out-of-system interlibrary loan procedures, and a personnel change.

CORRESPONDENCE – Suggestion Box: Patron comments were read and discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mr. Barr attended a legislators’ breakfast meeting and reported that the participating legislators seem to recognize the value of libraries and the services they provide to the community. The legislators also emphasized a general lack of available funds at the state level due to current economic and budgetary circumstances.

Facilities – The remodeling project is expected to begin in early March. The library will try to keep patrons informed about the remodeling status throughout the project.

Finance – Ms. Colton and Ms. Rauch met with a representative of IMET, an alternative investment fund available to the library. After some discussion it was decided to further review the fund to determine its suitability for library use, possibly to include a meeting between Mr. Flor and the fund representative.

Governmental Affairs – Mr. Barr suggested establishing better communication with our state representatives, in particular in regard to the remodeling project being done without the library pursuing a tax increase. Other possible options for publicizing the remodeling project were also discussed.

Library Resources – No report.

Policy – No report.

Personnel Policies – No report.

Audit – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Debt Certificate – All necessary board signatures on the debt certificate documents were executed.

Outdoor Dedication Ceremony – A date for this will be set later.

Remodeling Project Contract – once the architect, the contractor and the library's attorneys have mutually approved the contract language, Mr. Barr will sign the construction contract on behalf of the board (expected to occur prior to the next regular board meeting).

MEETINGS

Two upcoming meetings were discussed: a chamber of commerce event and an MLS Trustee Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Barr adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Accepted _____

George E. Bouchie
Secretary