

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Public Library Conference Room
January 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mrs. Colton; Mr. Flor; Mr. Myers; Mrs. Postma; Mrs. Rauch, Administrative Librarian; and Mrs. Barnett, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein were absent. Mr. Larson, from Ehlers and Associates, was also present. Guests included Amy Eagle and Greg Weiss, who are considering running for the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented with the following correction: On the memorandum page the total expenses number should be \$179,816.57, instead of \$247,313.82. Myers/Colton. A roll call vote passed. (5 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein]).

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mrs. Colton reported that the Finance committee met recently to finalize financial planning for the remodel. The total amount to be borrowed is \$1,300,000.00. Mr. Larson presented a debt certificate review. Sale date for the bonds is February 4, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #124: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance #124 authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for the Homewood Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, and authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,400,000.00 General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and the Certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the Agreement of the Certificates. Colton/Flor. A roll call vote passed. (5 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein])

Mr. Larson left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – Mrs. Rauch discussed the staff holiday/awards dinner to be held at Cilantro restaurant in Homewood. She reported that Mr. Myers and Mr. Flor have filed petitions indicating their decision to run for election in April. The latest statistics are included in the packet. The list of Board members required to file Economic Interest statements has been sent to the Cook County Clerk. Trustees should receive a letter soon.

The Library recently received a Picturing America Grant. E-mail accounts for Board members are still being finalized.

CORRESPONDENCE – Suggestion Box: Comments were read and discussed. A thank-you was received from Ms. Macikas-Blumstein for the books donated in her mother’s memory. An invitation from the Village to a breakfast meeting was received. Mr. Barr plans to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – A timeline for the remodeling project was reviewed. Mrs. Rauch is working with the architect on a color scheme.

Finance – Mrs. Rauch discussed the possibility of transferring some funds from the Illinois Funds account to the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET). Funds would need to remain in this account for at least one year. Mrs. Rauch and Mrs. Colton will meet with a representative for further information.

Governmental Affairs – Mr. Barr reported on the TIF extension hearing, at which he presented a statement explaining the Board’s position on the extension. He is meeting with a Village trustee tomorrow.

Library Resources – No report

Policy – Mr. Barr presented the second reading of the revision of Library Policy including the new collection development policy and services policies. A motion was made and seconded to make a change in the trustee by-laws to add the revised mission and vision statement as adopted in the Library Policy. Postma/Myers. The motion passed.

Personnel Policies – No report

Audit – A report was presented at the Audit Meeting held prior to the General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid opening results – Mrs. Colton reported on this process. Bids under discussion at this meeting were for the general contractor and bathroom work, and for the roof. After contracts are signed, they will be forwarded to our attorney. A motion was made and seconded to accept the general construction bid from Loung’s Corporation.

Colton/Myers. A roll call vote passed. (5 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein]). A motion was made and seconded to accept the roof replacement bid from Coleman Roofing. A roll call vote passed. (5 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein]).

Staff award cards – Mrs. Rauch discussed the possibility of presenting gift cards to staff members at the appreciation dinner. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of gift cards for staff in the amount of \$2,102.00. Myers/Flor. A roll call vote passed. (5 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Mr. Myers, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Ms. Macikas-Blumstein]).

MEETINGS

Friends annual potluck – January 26 at the Library. Mrs. Rauch reported that the Friends have earned \$3,000.00 selling books on-line.

Legislative Breakfast – February 16, 2009, Burr Ridge.

Chamber of Commerce Awards Fundraiser – February 27, 2009.

Accepted _____

George E. Bouchie
Secretary