

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Mable Murphy Meeting Room
June 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mr. Bouchie; Mr. Weiss; Mr. Flor; Mrs. Eagle; Mrs. Baikie, youth services librarian; Mrs. Wolinsky, adult services; Mrs. Landowski, business office manager; Mrs. Gallagher, head of circulation; Mrs. Miller, head of technical services.

OATH OF OFFICE – Mrs. Eagle administered the oath of office to Mr. Flor.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to amend the consent agenda to clarify that funding for stained glass artwork may come from a grant, donation or fundraising campaign (Bouchie/Weiss). A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as amended (Bouchie/Weiss).

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Flor reported that \$650,000 was transferred to the Illinois Metropolitan (IMET) Investment Fund June 2. Bank signature cards and the treasurer’s bond were updated to reflect the new board membership and treasurer.

LIBRARIANS’ REPORT –

Circulation: Mrs. Galleghar reported circulation figures continue to rise during the remodeling project.

Summer reading program: Mrs. Baikie reported that 145 children, 114 young adults and 182 adults registered for the summer reading program. The Jr. Friends registered 130 members.

Changing customer service model: Mrs. Wolinsky reported on ongoing discussions about realigning the Reference, Reader’s Advisory and Computer Services departments as a single department designed to meet patrons’ changing needs.

Construction update: Mrs. Miller reported the roof is finished except for some flashing around the windows; the air conditioning unit is functioning; temporary rooms on the 2nd floor have been evacuated and staff are sharing space during the renovation to maintain patron areas and services; painting and public bathroom renovation is underway; the circulation desk will be removed June 18; carpeting may be delivered June 30, necessitating library closings during its installation; and staff are packing their work areas in preparation for office relocations. Mr. Flor relayed a library neighbor’s positive comments on the new, quieter air conditioning unit.

CORRESPONDENCE – Suggestion box: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – A motion was made and seconded to accept the following standing committee assignments (Flor/Bouchie):

Advocacy: Mrs. Eagle (chair), Mr. Weiss, Mr. Barr

Facilities: Mr. Bouchie (chair), Mr. Flor, Mrs. Postma

Finance: Mr. Flor (chair), Mr. Bouchie, Mr. Barr

Governmental Affairs: Mr. Barr (chair), Mrs. Postma, Trustee to be named

Library Resources: Mr. Weiss (chair), Mr. Flor, Trustee to be named

Policy: Mrs. Postma (chair), Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Bouchie

Personnel Policy: Trustee to be named (chair), Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Weiss

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – Mr. Bouchie reported the renovation project is on budget and on schedule.

Finance – The board discussed K-Mart’s appeal of property tax for the Washington Park location. The appeal has been filed with the Cook County Board of Revue.

Governmental Affairs – The board conducted its first reading of the state’s Annual Ordinance Authorizing Public Library Non-Resident Cards.

Library Resources – No report

Policy –

Personnel Policies – No report

Audit – The audit committee will be soliciting volunteers to go over past board meeting minutes to ensure they are signed and proper.

Nominating – No report

NEW BUSINESS

Working Budget: The board discussed the proposed 2009-2010 budget. The finance committee will meet to develop budget recommendations prior to the next board meeting

Closing for Carpet Installation: The board discussed closing the library during carpet installation. The board reached a consensus that Cindy Rauch may close the library for carpet installation or other matters that impact patron or staff safety and comfort, as a matter of facilitating the library renovation.

Outgoing Board Member Recognition: Mr. Bouchie volunteered to organize a dinner to recognize the outgoing board members.

Trustee Workshop: Board members were encouraged to attend the Metropolitan Library System Zones 8 & 9 Annual Trustee Workshop June 27.

Freedom to Read Celebration: The Freedom to Read Foundation's 40th anniversary gala will be held July 12 at the Art Institute of Chicago.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Dedication: The dedication of a tree planted in memory of former librarian Patricia Van Melle is scheduled for July 15.

Sculpture Dedication: The dedication of the library's new sculpture is scheduled for July 31.

AJOURNMENT – Mr. Barr adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Accepted _____

Amy W. Eagle
Secretary

