

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Library
February 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr, Mr. Bouchie, Rev. Dr. Davis-Bridges, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Flor, Mr. Weiss and Ms. Rauch, administrative librarian. Also, there were brownies! Ms. Postma arrived at 7:35.

CONSENT AGENDA –A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. (Weiss/Bouchie)

TREASURER’S REPORT – The audit is complete. Board members received copies of the auditor’s report, which the auditor will present at 7:15, March 17, 2010, just prior to the next library board meeting.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT –

Appraisal summary: The new appraisal has been completed.

Staff recognition: Homewood librarian Dee Baikie was recognized for serving on the Metropolitan Library System Youth Services Advisory group.

Library pins: Ms. Rauch distributed information on library recognition pins.

Incident reports: The board reviewed two reports of minor incidents at the library.

Economic interest filing: Board members will be filing economic interest statements with the state.

100 books grant: Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has informed Ms. Rauch the library was chosen by Rev. Senator James Meeks to be part of Salem Baptist Church’s effort to provide 25,000 books to 250 area libraries in honor of the Chicago congregation’s 25th anniversary. The library can select 100 books to receive as part of this program.

Per capita grant: The library is expected to receive less money through the Illinois state per capita grant in the coming year.

Friends contributions: Happily, the Friends of the Homewood Library earned a total income of \$38,724.52 in 2009. This is approximately twice what the library receives from the state.

Chamber auction: The chamber of commerce auction was a success, with the library's donation of a laptop computer and bag going for a winning bid of 14,000.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Ms. Rauch received a letter from a resident of Park Forest, saying she was writing on behalf of a Homewood patron about a movie (Secretary) considered to be objectionable. The letter writer said the movie should be restricted from check out by minors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Advocacy – Ms. Rauch and Ms. Eagle attended a legislator breakfast held by the Metropolitan Library System. Area legislators stated their support for libraries but said the state is in dire financial straits.

Facilities – No report

Finance – No report

Governmental Affairs – No report

Library Resources – The board discussed the material review request from the Park Forest resident and agreed the request did not warrant consideration as it is from outside the library district.

Policy – The board completed the second reading of the policies for Freedom of Information Act requests; guest, teacher and business library cards; collection agency referrals; and fees for replacing lost parts of library items. A motion was made and seconded to accept the policies as revised, with the exception of the FOIA policy, which is still under review. (Postma/Weiss)

Personnel Policies – The personnel committee re-scheduled their meeting for March 3.

Audit – The board will discuss the audit report with the auditor March 17.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperating with census collectors: The board agreed it was important for the library to cooperate with the 2010 census collectors.

ALA conference: The ALA annual conference will be held in Washington, D.C., in June.

School district fundraiser: The annual fundraiser for the Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence will be held March 20.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. (Postma/Barr) Mr. Barr adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

Accepted _____

Amy Eagle
Secretary