

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Library
July 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Bouchie, president, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr, Mr. Bouchie, Rev. Dr. Davis-Bridges, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Flor, Ms. Postma, Mr. Weiss and Ms. Rauch, administrative librarian. Also present were some delicious smoked chicken kabobs, compliments Mr. Weiss.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Flor, treasurer, presented a general fund statement of library activities year-to-date June 2010.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT –

Plan of service update: Library staffers have signed off on their new job descriptions.

Interior design update: The interior design plan is coming along well. Magazine shelving has been selected.

System update: Absent promised state support, the Metropolitan Library System (MLS) is nearing the end of its funds. The SWAN member libraries are working to form a consortium and continue interlibrary loan services.

Donor tree: A sample piece from the manufacturer of the proposed donor tree will be shown to a major donor.

Incident report: Unlocked bikes have been stolen from the library bike racks. The Homewood Police Department recovered one stolen bicycle. The library is developing a broader response to this issue.

Air conditioning system: It has been determined the controls to the building’s air conditioning system are faulty, not the compressor. A permanent repair is as yet forthcoming, but work continues on the problem.

Fire in landscaping: The Homewood Fire Department extinguished a fire in the bushes located between the library parking lot and St. Joseph’s church. Several feet of landscaping were destroyed, but there was no additional damage.

Library pension status: The executive director of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) reports the plan is fully funded.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Patron correspondence included a request for volunteer opportunities for teens and praise for the summer reading program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – No report

Finance – No report

Governmental Affairs – Mr. Barr has been sworn in as a trustee of MLS.

Library Resources – No report

Policy – No report

Personnel Policies – The committee will schedule a meeting to continue working through the personnel policy manual in September.

Audit – No report

Nominating committee: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Budget and appropriations ordinance: A motion was made and seconded to adopt ordinance number 128, “Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriations of Homewood Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011.” (Barr/Weiss)

Ordinance 128 was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt ordinance number 129, “Ordinance Authorizing Levy of an Additional Tax for the Maintenance, Repairs, and Alteration of the Library Building and Equipment.” (Flor/Davis-Bridges)

Ordinance 129 was adopted unanimously.

Health insurance changes: Due to a rate increase, the library has chosen a different Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan for employees. Staff members seem happy with the new plan.

SWAN participation resolution: A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution number 7-21-10a, "Resolution Providing for the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the System-Wide Automated Network (SWAN) and Authorizing Membership of SWAN." (Postma/Davis-Bridges)

A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution number 7-21-10b, "Resolution Concurring in the Recommendation of Metropolitan Library System to Repeal the Existing System-Wide Automation Network Full Participation Agreement." (Postma/Weiss)

OLD BUSINESS

Bank account transfers: The transfers from Illinois Funds to IMET and Great Lakes Bank have cleared.

MEETINGS

ALA: Mr. Barr attended the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference June 24 - 29, 2010 in Washington, D.C. He reported back to the board on advocacy, censorship and digital copyright issues. Library staff member Sandy Sullivan also attended, focusing on online language learning and downloadable audio books.

ILA: The Illinois Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference will be held September 29-30 at Navy Pier in Chicago. Board members are encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Bouchie adjourned the meeting at 9:10.

Accepted _____

Amy Eagle
Secretary