

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Library
May 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Bouchie, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr, Mr. Bouchie, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Flor, Ms. Korajczyk, Mr. Weiss and Ms. Rauch, administrative librarian.

ELECTION CANVAS – Results of the April 05, 2011 Consolidated General Election have been reported and endorsed.

OATH OF OFFICE – The oath of office was administered to Ms. Korajczyk and she was welcomed onto the board.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. (Weiss/Barr) Ms. Korajczyk abstained from voting on the motion.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT –

The Devil in the White City tour – June 21, the library will be presenting the Chicago Architecture Foundation’s tour of sites featured in Erik Larson’s book, *The Devil in the White City*.

Woman’s Club gift – The Homewood Woman’s Club made a much-appreciated donation to the library.

Dralle memorial – The Dralle family made a generous memorial donation to the library. They are also to be thanked.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Public comment and patron correspondence: Patrons commended the library for outstanding service and a fabulous Mother/Daughter night. Requests were made for more seating on the first floor, an amnesty day for overdue books, a pay phone, an evening or weekend preschool program, and a larger or additional bulletin board. The Homewood-Flossmoor Area League of Women Voters thanked the library for its hospitality. One patron wrote this is “the best library in the world.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – No report

Finance –The board reviewed the library’s combined funds statement of activities, IMET monthly report, and balance sheet of all funds as of April 30, 2011. The loan payment has been made for the year, and cash balances are holding despite lower tax revenues and the capital expenditure of the recent elevator repair.

The finance committee will meet before the June board meeting to present the budget.

Governmental Affairs – MLS continues to wind down operations. The organization will hold an Open House June 2. Mr. Barr is a candidate for the new RAILS board. The election starts May 27 and will continue for the following two weeks.

Library Resources – The library resources committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the collection development policy review after the new committees are established.

Policy – The board completed the second reading of the ID Protection Act. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the act as corrected, formatted in the style of the current policy. (Barr/ Korajczyk)

Personnel – No report

Audit – No report

Nominating committee – The committee will schedule a meeting prior to the June board meeting. Elections will be held at the June board meeting for terms that will begin in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance authorizing non-resident library cards – A motion was made and seconded to accept the annual ordinance (#131) authorizing public library non-resident cards (Weiss/Flor) In a roll call vote, all members present voted unanimously to accept the ordinance. Ms. Davis-Bridges’s vote was recorded as “absent.”

Committee changes – The board discussed changes to the make up of committees for the coming year.

Redevelopment incentive program – Dennis Bubenik, Homewood director of finance, has informed the library there are six more real estate tax reimbursement payments due as part of the Washington Park Plaza redevelopment incentive agreement.

Friends volunteer coordinator – The library will explore the idea with the Friends of the Homewood Library of designating a staff member as a Friends volunteer coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

Elevator repair – The repair has been completed; the library is waiting to see if insurance will cover any of the expense.

Wood cleaning/end panels – The library is moving forward with the wood cleaning and awaiting final pricing on the end panels.

PIN audit –The library will check with Homewood village officials to see if there have been any annexations since the library district was created, to ensure the library is receiving tax revenue from all district properties.

Neighboring property sale – Hoekstra heating may be moving and has approached the board about the possible sale of their property. The library will inquire about the available square footage, potential price, and any restrictions on the property use.

MEETINGS

ALA - The American Library Association will hold its annual conference June 23-28 in New Orleans.

Trustee workshop – Atlas Libraries is conducting a Trustee Workshop Saturday, May 21.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Bouchie adjourned the meeting at 8:43.

Accepted _____

Amy Eagle
Secretary