

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Meeting Room C

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Board President Leslie Bell

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Bell – President
Samuel Durante – Vice-President
Rebecca Kelly – Secretary
Duane Moody - Treasurer
Eddie Rice

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

New item under 4. Business inserted as item a. Sam Durante. Item b. is changed to read Employee of the Year, item c. is changed to read Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2009, and item d. is added to read Approval of Bills.

3. Citizen's Comments

No audience comments. Citizen comment cards were discussed with particular emphasis on parking lot lighting. Ms. Napsha will gather information and a further discussion will ensue at the February board meeting.

4. Business

a. Sam Durante

Sam Durante advised the board that he has received an appointment to the Planning Commission and must regrettably step down from the library board effective immediately. Mr. Durante also told the board how much he enjoyed serving the library and will continue to help out in any way possible. He then left the board table and took a seat in the audience.

b. Employee of the Year for 2009

Sherri West was recognized as the library's employee of the year for 2009 and granted use of the Employee-of-the-Month (Year) parking space.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2009

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular board meeting as presented

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody - aye

Kelly - aye

Rice - abstain

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

d. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve bills as submitted

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Moody

Kelly - aye

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

5. Director's Report

Director's report was presented and discussed.

Moody: Mr. Moody stated that it was a well-prepared, thorough report. He liked the increase in activities and programming.

Rice: Mr. Rice said this month's report was very good. He asked if the new staff position provided by the AARP was filled with a senior citizen. Ms. Napsha confirmed that it was and that the AARP had increased the hours to 20 per week. Mr. Rice complimented the homebound service and thought the staff providing this service were outstanding. He also commented on the news article regarding overdue fines settled with canned food donations in some libraries around the country.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly commended the library staff for the huge increase in adult programming and was pleased that a staff position could be funded by the AARP. She was also impressed with the month's musical performances, especially the marimba duet. Ms. Kelly was happy to see deaf residents included in programming by having a translator. Ms. Napsha said one could be provided for future programs if there was interest.

Bell: Ms. Bell offered "dittos" for the board comments already made. She is glad to see staff going to programs and then reporting back what they learned or experienced and appreciates this information being included in the board packet. Ms. Bell was also happy to see such a large increase in programming.

6. Citizen Comments

Sam Durante, Westland resident and former library board member, stated that lighting seems sufficient except when leaving near closing time. He requested that timers be checked to ensure all lights are set to be on past closing time.

7. Board Member Comments

Moody: Mr. Moody thanked Mr. Durante for his contribution and service to the library board. He congratulated Sherri West on her Employee of the Year award and regretted he could not congratulate her in person. He also stated that the award was quite an honor and thanked her for her hard work.

Rice: Mr. Rice apologized for missing the December board meeting. He congratulated Sam Durante on his appointment to the Planning Commission, thanked him for his hard work on the library board and wished him well. Mr. Rice congratulated Sherri West for the great honor of being elected Employee of the Year for 2009.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly congratulated Sherri West for her Employee of the Year award. She stated that the wonderful attributes shared by Ms. West and other nominees was truly a testament to the library's many wonderful employees. Ms. Kelly congratulated Sam Durante on his appointment and said she would miss his contributions to the board.

Bell: Ms. Bell offered congratulations to Sherri West and shared some personal memories of service provided by Ms. West. She also stated that she had never seen Ms. West without a smile. Ms. Bell told Sam Durante she would miss him but was sure he would do a good job on the Planning Commission. She also looks forward to seeing him around at various events.

8. Next meeting topics

Parking lot lighting

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 7:56 PM

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried