

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
Board Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Leslie Bell

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT:
Leslie Bell – President
Rebecca Kelly – Secretary
Eddie Rice
Michael Weck

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Duane Moody

STAFF PRESENT:
Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:
Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

No action.

3. Citizen's Comments

Westland resident, John Emmerd, expressed his happiness to see the light back on in the handicap parking area. Citizen comment cards were discussed by the board. A recurring request is for patrons to receive e-mails when materials are due. Ms. Napsha explained that our current system does not offer this but that it will be a desired feature when we migrate to a new circulation system in the future.

4. Business

a. New Board Member

New board member, Michael Weck, was introduced. He then gave a short bio and expressed his enthusiasm to be serving on the board.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2010

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 regular board meeting as presented

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Kelly

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Weck - abstain

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

c. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve bills as submitted

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly - aye

Rice - aye

Weck - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

d. Election of Vice-President

Election was postponed until the March meeting to allow the full board to be present

e. Update on Parking Lot Lighting

Ms. Napsha reported that 3 bulbs were replaced during the past month. She also made contact with a lighting company and is waiting for a proposal to improve the existing lighting. The board agreed that the bulb replacements were an improvement but will revisit the issue at next month's meeting once more information is obtained.

5. Director's Report

Director's report was presented and discussed. Ms. Napsha also reported that a patron was viewing illegal content on the internet. The act was reported and police removed him from the library.

Rice: Mr. Rice thought the month's report was outstanding and was impressed with how highly rated our library's services are as compared with libraries nationwide. He commended the improved access for patrons.

Weck: Mr. Weck commented on the targeted marketing and brought up that he works at the mall and has contacts there if it could aid the community outreach program.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly commended Ms. Napsha for thinking of Westland's economic development in conjunction with TLN's search for a new location. She expressed appreciation for Cheryl Chuck's informative memo on her reference interview class and was glad she devised a way to share the information learned with co-workers. She also liked the Weekly Performance Checklist and asked a couple questions about different categories.

Bell: Ms. Bell thought it was great thinking by Ms. Napsha on the TLN relocation. She also liked the section on improving access, was happy that Gary Oke is being utilized so well and thinks it's wonderful that he sits on the TLN board. Ms. Bell expressed her approval for the Weekly Performance Checklist, especially since Ms. Napsha's responsibilities are divided between the Children's Dept. and her other duties. Ms. Bell appreciated Cheryl Chuck's memo on her class, was glad to see her share the information with co-workers, and commended her on finding value in the class after being in the job for so many years. Ms. Bell congratulated Ms. Napsha and staff on their 2009 accomplishments. She also thinks it's a great idea that the library is working in conjunction with the 2010 U.S. Census by offering space.

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Board Member Comments

Kelly: Ms. Kelly welcomed Mr. Weck to the board and assured him that serving the library is very rewarding. She also thanked Ms. Napsha and staff for the good reports and detailed information.

Rice: Mr. Rice welcomed Mr. Weck to the board and congratulated him on his appointment. He also commended Ms. Napsha on the good reports and thanked Mr. McNamara for his invaluable assistance.

Weck: Mr. Weck thanked everyone for such a warm welcome, expressed his excitement in being with the library, and looks forward to serving.

Bell: Ms. Bell welcomed Mr. Weck to the board. She was also happy to see so many positive articles in the Observer. Ms. Bell thanked Ms. Napsha for excellent reports and looks forward to reading them each month.

8. Next meeting topics

Election of board vice-president.
Further discussion of parking lot lighting if information is received.

9. Closed session to discuss AFSCME litigation and Felton claim

MOTION, to move into closed session to discuss AFSCME litigation and Felton claim.

Motion by: Weck
Support by: Rice
Weck - aye
Rice - aye
Kelly - aye
Bell - aye

Motion Carried and meeting moved into closed session at 7:54 PM.

MOTION, to move out of closed session at

Motion by: Rice
Support by: Kelly
Rice - aye
Kelly - aye
Weck - aye
Bell - aye

MOTION, to direct the library attorney to proceed in the Felton matter as discussed in closed session.

Motion by: Rice
Support by: Kelly
Rice - aye
Kelly - aye
Weck - aye
Bell - aye

10. Adjournment

Motion by: Kelly
Support by: Weck

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 8:54 PM

Kelly - aye
Weck - aye
Rice - aye
Bell - aye

Motion Carried