

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Meeting Room B

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Board President Leslie Bell

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Bell – President
Duane Moody – Vice-President/Treasurer
Rebecca Kelly - Secretary
Eddie Rice
Michael Weck

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

MOTION, to add item h. Recognition of Cody Murphy to section 4 of agenda.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Weck – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to add item i. Discussion of City Council Meeting & Budget to section 4 of agenda.

Motion by: Weck

Support by: Rice

Weck – aye

Rice – aye

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

3. Citizen's Comments

Westland resident, John Emmerd, thanked the board for speaking at the City Council Meeting regarding the budget and for expressing opposition to the city's plan to take money from the library's reserve for the city's budget.

Citizen comment cards were discussed. Zumba introductory classes were extremely popular and generated most of the comments.

4. Business

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2010

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2010 regular board meeting as presented.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Weck - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Closed Study Session on May 26, 2010

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 closed study session as amended.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Weck - aye

Kelly - abstain

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

c. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve bills as submitted

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Weck

Rice – aye

Weck – aye

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

d. Maintenance Contract

Ms. Napsha thinks a contract can be in place by August 1. She informed the board that specifications should be completed by June 16, followed by a bid process that should take an additional 2 weeks.

MOTION, to extend current contract with Master Maintenance for building cleaning and maintenance services through August 1, 2010.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Weck – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

e. Lawn Service

Ms. Napsha informed the board that the grass will be cut on an interim basis by DPS.

f. Approval of Board Meeting dates for FY 2010-2011

MOTION, to approve board meeting dates for FY 2010-2011. (List attached.)

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Moody – aye

Weck – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

g. Review of FY 2010-11 Budget

Questions arose about library funds and if the accounts are physically separate from city accounts. Mr. McNamara will check into this. Ms. Bell went on record expressing her unease with the lack of community promotion in this year's budget.

MOTION, to approve FY 2010-11 budget.

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Moody

Rice – aye

Moody – aye

Weck – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

h. Recognition of Cody Murphy

MOTION, to recognize Cody Murphy with a certificate of appreciation for his service project benefiting the library.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Weck – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

i. Discussion of City Council Meeting and Budget

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the city's proposed plan to take over \$500,000 from the library's reserve fund for the city's budget. Since the mayor suggested a meeting between representatives of the library board with himself and Council President Godbout, it was decided to pursue this with Ms. Bell and Mr. Moody attending.

5. Director's Report

Director's report was presented and discussed. Ms. Napsha offered to answer any questions.

Weck: Mr. Weck liked the idea of using video games to attract youth to the library that might not otherwise come. He also reported that the mall has been sold to a new company and advised Ms. Napsha to make sure there are no changes in contacts.

Moody: Mr. Moody appreciated the article on the Washington Supreme Court's ruling on library porn. He hopes it gets upheld to protect children. Mr. Moody thanked Ms. Napsha for a good report but said he missed seeing an Employee of the Month.

Rice: Mr. Rice commented on the many and varied programs the library offers and thinks it makes a statement about how much the library gives the community with its limited budget.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly thanked Ms. Napsha for the article on the Washington Supreme Court's ruling. She informed Ms. Napsha of a possible programming topic on Roth Conversions and shared that the Novi library had utilized Joe Lezotte of Sigma Financial as a speaker. Ms. Kelly requested numbers or any information available to show how many people had utilized the Job Seekers lab. She also talked about networking with local politicians through the library's Facebook page, especially when library programs mesh with our elected officials interests.

Bell: Ms. Bell discussed the theme for the Summer Reading Program and expressed appreciation to the staff for all their hard work. She was glad to see that Marilyn is still helping residents that are facing foreclosure. Ms. Bell thanked Mr. Weck for arranging the meeting between the library and mall management. She questioned Ms. Napsha about the library's filtering software. Ms. Napsha reported that the library has upgraded its filtering software.

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Board Member Comments

Moody: None

Weck: Mr. Weck thanked Cody Murphy for building benches and bat houses for the library's pavilion area.

Rice: Mr. Rice praised the courage of the library board president, Leslie Bell, and thought her statement encouraged residents to stand behind the library. He also thanked Mr. Moody for his comments.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly thanked the board for attending the City Council Meeting to protest the attempt by the city to take library reserve funds. She also thanked Mr. Moody for his additional comments at the end of the council meeting and hopes something good will come of our efforts.

Bell: Ms. Bell thanked everyone for their support at the council meeting.

8. Next meeting topics

Policy Committee
Cody Murphy

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Weck
Support by: Kelly

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 9:45 PM

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

Motion Carried