

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, July 14, 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, July 14, 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

Duane Moody – Vice-President/Treasurer

Rebecca Kelly - Secretary

Eddie Rice

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

None

3. Citizen's Comments

Westland resident, John Emmerd, asked where the rent issue stands at this time and asked if the \$513,000 had been transferred from the library to the city. He said he had watched council meetings and had heard residents mention the library funds but no comments from council members.

Westland resident, Nancy Froreich, commended the board members that spoke at the City Council meeting regarding the library's reserve funds that the city was trying to obtain. She also questioned if there was a conflict having Mr. McNamara look into the rent issue because of his dual role as city and library attorney.

Citizen comment cards were discussed. The Teddy Bear Sleepover event was mentioned and an appreciation letter from a parent was noted.

4. Business

a. Recognition of Cody Murphy

Cody Murphy was recognized for his Eagle Scout project benefiting the library through construction of benches for the Pavilion area. He was presented with a certificate of recognition and appreciation.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2010

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010 regular board meeting as presented

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

c. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve bills as submitted

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly - aye

Rice - aye

Moody - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

d. Maintenance Contract

MOTION, to accept bid from Master Maintenance for building cleaning and maintenance services after contract review by library attorney.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

e. Policy Committee

MOTION, to approve Policy changes and/or additions for Pavilion Use, Time Keeping, and Health Insurance as presented.

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

f. Resolution for 1-day liquor license for library program

Ms. Napsha explained a program to grow use of the library for the underserved 20's and 30's age groups. It is a low-cost activity that involves beer-tasting and education. Because a 1-day liquor license is required, board approval is needed to obtain the license.

After much discussion, including questions about an insurance rider and possible liability, the board decided to take no action until more details are clarified.

g. Election of Officers

MOTION, to open nominations for Board President

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Kelly – aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to nominate Leslie Bell for Board President

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Moody

Leslie Bell accepted the nomination for Board President.

MOTION, to close nominations for Board President

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Moody

Kelly – aye

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to elect Leslie Bell to the position of Board President for 2010-2011

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Moody

Kelly – aye

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to open nominations for Board Vice-President

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Moody

Rice – aye

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to nominate Eddie Rice for Board Vice-President

Motion by: Moody

MOTION, to nominate Rebecca Kelly for Board Vice-President

Motion by: Bell

Motion, to close nominations for Board Vice-President

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion carried

Eddie Rice declined the nomination for Board Vice-President
Rebecca Kelly accepted the nomination for Board Vice-President

MOTION, to elect Rebecca Kelly to the position of Board Vice-President for 2010-2011

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Moody

Rice –aye

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to open nominations for Board Secretary

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to nominate Rebecca Kelly for Board Secretary

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Rebecca Kelly accepted the nomination for Board Secretary.

MOTION, to close nominations for Board Secretary

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to elect Rebecca Kelly to the position of Board Secretary for 2010-2011

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to open nominations for Board Treasurer

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

Moody – aye

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to nominate Duane Moody for Board Treasurer

Motion by: Rice

MOTION, to close nominations for Board Treasurer

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Kelly

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Moody – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

Duane Moody accepted the nomination for Board Treasurer.

MOTION, to elect Duane Moody to the position of Board Treasurer for 2010-2011.

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Moody – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

5. Director's Report

Director's report was presented and discussed. Ms. Napsha suggested board members visit the Farmington Hills library if given the opportunity while in that area. She then offered to answer any questions.

Rice: Mr. Rice was happy to see the extensive press coverage the library received during the month. He also liked the articles Ms. Napsha shared about other libraries in

the news, especially the one about the Grandma "Condiment Crime Spree" at a library in Boise. Mr. Rice complimented Ms. Naphsa on another informative and interesting report.

Moody: Mr. Moody commented on the article about the power of today's public libraries. The article made him think of the wisdom of our founding father's and how much politicians have changed since our country was founded. He praised the availability of information and programs that our libraries provide the public. Mr. Moody expressed his dismay at the city for taking the library's reserve funds before finding out if it was legal, especially since they already take \$200,000 for overhead each year.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly gave kudos to Gary Oke and the extra computer help he continues to give our very appreciative patrons. She also praised Jenny, Stephanie, and Kristen for putting on the Teddy Bear Sleepover and pointed out how the letter from an appreciative mom emphasized the impact of the program. Ms. Kelly questioned when the AC problem occurred that came up in a prior discussion and was told it would appear on the next month's bills. She also emphasized that the board must stay diligent in pressing council for action to return the library reserve funds.

Bell: Ms. Bell complimented the Teddy Bear Sleepover and appreciates the extra work staff did to put on the program. She also found Mr. LeClerc's article on the power of the public library interesting and appreciates Ms. Napsha forwarding it to city officials. She asked Ms. Napsha if she would be implementing programs she admires in the Farmington Hills Library's Children's Dept. Ms. Napsha pointed out our space constraints but still has the desire to create a similar learning environment. Ms. Bell complimented Ms. Napsha on a great report.

6. Citizen Comments

Westland resident, Nancy Froriech, stated that she attended the city's budget meeting and that other departments that are paying rent already have it worked into their budgets. She also commented on recent computer use at the library. She found the staff excellent at giving help, but encountered rudeness from other computer users. She would be appreciative of education or signage for patrons on proper courtesy.

Westland resident, Robert Froriech, asked how the city can justify taking library money that is a dedicated tax paid the citizens. He also thinks it might be better if the city and library use separate legal firms.

Westland resident, Ray Schuhholz, stated he attends city council meetings and expressed his intention to address city council regarding the library situation. He also questioned what happens to the library when the city takes away money. He also expressed concern about the proposed beer-tasting program.

7. Board Member Comments

Rice: Mr. Rice expressed his appreciation to Mr. Schuhholz for his comments to city council regarding the library. He complimented Cody Murphy on his initiative to carry out the library project. Mr. Rice congratulated the new slate of board officers and thanked Ms. Bell for the job she does as President. He also expressed appreciation to Ms. Napsha for her continued efforts.

Moody: Mr. Moody congratulated the staff on the tremendous programs they continue to put on. He mentioned the Teddy Bear Sleepover and thought the follow-up was fantastic. He told Ms. Napsha how much he enjoys reading her reports and wants her to express the board's appreciation to the staff for their efforts. Mr. Moody congratulated Ms. Bell and Ms. Kelly on their elected positions. He expressed appreciation for the citizen's comments.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly congratulated Cody Murphy on his commendation and thanked him for his efforts benefiting the library. She thanked the citizen's in attendance for their time and comments and appreciates their advocacy to city council on behalf of the library. Ms. Kelly thanked Ms. Bell for accepting the position of President for another year, especially with the amount of time the position requires, and thanked Mr. Moody for agreeing to serve again. She thanked Michael Weck for his service on the library board.

Bell: Ms. Bell thanked Cody Murphy and pointed out that the picture in the Observer of the Burger Tasting showed people sitting on Cody's benches while enjoying their burgers. She thanked the board members for accepting the responsibility of elected positions. Ms. Bell offered Mr. McNamara condolences from the board for the passing of Angelo Plakas and knows it's a loss his firm will feel for a long time. She asked Ms. Napsha to send a charitable donation in lieu of flowers as the family requested.

8. Next meeting topics

Strategic Plan
Legal Opinion on Reserve Fund

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 8:55 PM

Moody - aye

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried