

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2012
Meeting Room B, Library

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday , August 8, 2012 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan 48185

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.by Mark Neal

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Neal-Board President
Antoinette Martin-Vice President
Sheri Robinson-Treasurer
Tim Jackson-Absent
Mark Welch-Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Sheila Collins
Sherri West-Staff (recording minutes)
Beth Fixler-Admin. Assist

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara-Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

Remove item 4D-Discussion of Hourly Supervisor until next meeting.

Motion by: Antoinette Martin

Supported by: Sheri Robinson

Mark Neal-Yes

Antoinette Martin-Yes

Sheri Robinson- Yes

Mark Welch-Absent

Tim Jackson-Absent

Motion-Passed

3. Citizens Comments

John Kelley addressed his concerns on the quality of Cooking on a Budget books and magazines we have here at the Westland Library. He gave a few examples of what he personally would like to see on the shelves here at the library. Mark Neal suggested that John place these requests in writing and submit them to the board so at the time money comes available. These titles could be considered.

4. Old Business

a. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2012 regular board meeting.

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 regular board meeting as submitted.

Motion by: Antoinette Martin

Supported by: Sheri Robinson

Name-Mark Neal-Yes

Name-Antoinette Martin-Yes

Name-Sheri Robinson-Yes

Name-Tim Jackson-Absent

Name- Mark Welch-Absent

Motion – Carried

b. Approval of Bills

Motion to approve bills as submitted.

Motion by: Antoinette Martin to wait for approval at the next month's meeting. As the financial report she had requested had been handed to her during this meeting. And wished to have more time to look over the bills.

Supported by: Sheri Robinson

Name-Mark Neal-Yes

Name-Antoinette Martin-Yes

Name-Sheri Robinson-Yes

Name-Tim Jackson-Absent

Name- Mark Welch-Absent

Motion – Carried

c. Honeywell Update

The attorney Michael McNamara gave a verbal update on conversations he has had with the bank. On the legal opinion of the tax-exempt status of the library, concerning the bank. He suggested they contact the legal department of the bank.

Dr. Collins stated that they were about half way through the project. They have not disrupted the library's operations whatsoever.

The Specs for the HVAC system are still in the hands of Bill Gabriel at the city. Mark asked Sheila to send Bill another note to remind him of the specs. If he doesn't respond Mark will then try to get to him on this.

5. New Business

None

6. Director's Report

*Dr. Collins gave reports on the information contained in the Director's Report in the Library board packet.

*82- Programs in the month of July

*Home Bound- serviced 48 patrons circulating 263 items.

*Job Seeker Lab- 27 Hours

*Computer classes -7

*150 New patrons for the month of July

*31,000 items circulated

*40% increase in Melcat coming in and 79% increase of Westland materials going out.

*Kristy cooper has installed a low-vision computer station for the physically challenged patrons.

* Upgraded our Horizon operating system

*The Library now offers scanning services at the reference desk for a nominal fee.

*Juvenile Department has combined with the Young Adult Department and Marilyn Kwik will be the supervisor for all Adult, Juvenile & YA departments.

*Due to the expense we have cancelled Comcast Cable.

*Since January 2012 we have offered 6240 e-books.

7. Citizens Comments

Pat Lusk- Why discontinued court workers?

- Mark Neal addressed the issues as to the pros and cons of this service. And at this time it is best not to use this option. Mostly safety issues. For the Library workers and the court workers themselves.

Lynne Hagman-(Friends Member) Stated that the collaboration between the Friends and the Library Board has been good. The results was a successful Mileage.

Margo-(Library Gardener)- Requesting the permission to place edging around the Library flower beds to keep the soil in place. Dr. Collins approved the work so that Margo may request the funding from the Friends of the Library at the next meeting the following week. The Library Friends had given approval of up to \$300. An approval would be needed from the Library Friends if the cost is more.

Leslie Bell (Former Library Board President-Citizen of Westland)-Stated she was thrilled that the mileage had passed and Thanked everyone for all their hard work.

She had some concerns she wished to address to the board concerning how the funds are being handled at the city level. She gave examples of her topics of concern.

- Mark Neal thanked Leslie and stated that at this time he felt that the Library Board has a good working relationship with the city. And that there are no current problems. And should some arise he felt that they would be addressed accordingly.

8. Board Member Comments

Sheri Robinson: said she was thankful the mileage has passed and hopes that this gets the Library back on track. She thanked all staff for their hard work.

Antoinette Martin: said she was pleased and agreed with Sheri Robinson's statements. Thank You

- Also thanks to Kristy Cooper and her husband's work in designing the logo and t-shirts.
- Mark Neal's neighbor for all her time and work she gave to pass out and retrieve the lawn signs.
- Thanks to the City of Westland Firefighters for hosting and sponsoring the first fund raiser. Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to the Firefighters!

Mark Neal: said it was wonderful working with the Friends of the Library and the Library Staff on the mileage. Hopes this mileage will secure the Library in the future. We may see some changes before the first of the year. Dr. Collins and the board will be reviewing the immediate needs of the Library and possibly returning a couple pages to get the library materials back on the shelves and discharge returned items in a timely manner.

9. Next meeting topics

- Approval of bills that was tabled.
- Honeywell update
- Look into a study session date for ramping up the library after the mileage funds become available.
- Discuss Hourly Supervisor

10. Adjournment

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Motion by: Antoinette Martin

Supported by: Sheri Robinson

Mark Neal-Board President-Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President-Yes

Sheri Robinson-Treasurer-Yes

Tim Jackson-Absent

Mark Welch-Absent

Motion –Carried

see attached note:

Note* Attached is a copy of the fax requested from John Kelly sent August 16, 2012**

08-16-'12 15:40 FROM-

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Pages: 3

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From: Mr. John Kelly

Re: Fax mag. subscribers

Comments:

Thank you,
Rhonda Baughman, ARM
Community Manager

August 16, 2012

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City of Westland Library Board
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Dear Library Board Members:

I am writing this letter to try to convince your library to subscribe to different cooking magazines. I came to a Board Meeting to express my concerns and was invited to write this letter concerning this.

There are a lot of different people that use your library that are poor and do not have a computer at home or have access to a Kindle Fire or any similar device. On top of that there are people out there that have no idea of cooking sites such as Recipies.com or Allrecipies.com. Then there is the fact that some people that have just no idea of how to cook. I would also like to add that grocery prices are going up and people are going to be strapped for cash at the grocery store. The poor are going to be in extra need to help to stretch their food budget. I checked out every book in your library using the keywords "Budget Meals". I found them very useless and full of weird menu options. I also took the time to take a recipe that involved vegetables and crepes that was supposed to be budget conscious and took it to the grocery store and computed that the cost for this meal was approximately 25 dollars. I consulted a cooking magazine called [Everyday Food](#) and found a crepe recipe for half that. In the past I know for sure this was not budget

conscious meal because I have taken my Roast Beef dinner recipes and calculated that the cost of the dinner was almost the same. I couldn't believe it. I don't have the money to purchase every cooking book and suggest one but I can give you my opinion on cooking magazines.

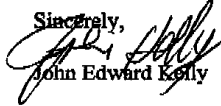
First, I reviewed your current selection of cooking magazines. The first was Food and Wine this magazine is obviously for the alcoholic or very rich person. The second magazine had expensive recipes in it and was one that I have never heard of or would want to subscribe to.

Second, there are new cooking magazines that are attractive, useful, or just plain trendy. They are so attractive, useful, and trendy even someone like me on a slim budget will pay money to subscribe to. My most favorite and useful magazine that I subscribe to is Everyday Food put out by the organization headed by Martha Steward. In every issue she has a section where she introduces basic through advanced cooking techniques: such as boiling eggs, to making risotto, to fried chicken, to macaroni and cheese, to making puff pastries. In this magazine I have learned on how to make the mysterious crepe. She also has a variety of dishes to make from the very expensive to the very cheap. In this magazine are also a few drink recipes that would be useful, but I have never tried them. In my opinion this magazine has two drawbacks when it comes to having it at the library when it come to comparing it to other current cooking magazines. First is Martha Stewards reputation. She was convicted of a major crime, but that was years ago and people may have forgotten about it. Second, is that it's small and not quite as glossy as the Food Network Magazine. On the positive side it probably will be cheaper to stock at your library due to these facts. Speaking of the Food Network Magazine here are some

of its positive and negative qualities. This magazine is glossy and wonderful to look at. In most issues there is an addition to the magazine that has multiple variations on the same topic such as tacos, to smoothies, to potato salads, etc. This magazine is associated with the famous Food Network television, so it has an excellent reputation. This magazine has some really expensive recipes in it and some really weird ones. In all estimation this magazine is for the more well to do people in Westland. On the negative side this magazine might be more expensive than Everyday Food. Finally, the most trendiest and newest cooking magazine to come out on the market is Everyday with Rachael Ray. According to my understanding this magazine has only been out for 3 years. I have not reviewed it but it looks promising. Remember that Rachael Ray has her own television show and cooking series. In one of her issues she talks about cooking the old standard fried chicken and total of six different ways. I wish I had the resources to try them all. They look all so fantastically delicious and unique. I think Rachael Ray takes everyday food and transforms it into something truly different. The drawback with this magazine is that it is brand new and might be expensive.

In closing, currently there is a draught and grocery prices are going to rise plus there is are many people out of work so they can't afford a computer or any digital device to gain access to current up to date recipes. It would be clearly advantageous of the library of Westland to stock all of these magazines or just one. If you want to review my collection of magazines or have any other questions you may contact me at 734-858-7489.

Sincerely,


John Edward Kelly