

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, August 11, 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, August 11, 2010 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Board President Leslie Bell

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Bell – President

Rebecca Kelly – Vice-President/Secretary

Eddie Rice

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Duane Moody - Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

Item c. under Business changed to read "Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2010 Study Session."

3. Citizen's Comments

Citizen comment cards were discussed and questions answered. Board members commented on the unusually low number of comment cards and discussed the library's cell phone policy.

4. Business

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2010

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 regular board meeting as presented.

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly - aye

Rice - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

b. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve July bills as submitted.

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Kelly

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2010 Study Session

MOTION, to approve meeting minutes from the July 26, 2010 study session to prepare the Director's review as presented.

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly - aye

Rice - aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

5. Director's Report

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

Rice: Mr. Rice was happy to get the results of the legal issue surrounding the city's transfer of money out of the library's reserve fund. He also commented on Marilyn

Kwik's outstanding letter to Lighthouse Community Development regarding the services it provides to residents facing foreclosure.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly commended the Observer's article recognizing Cody Murphy's hard work on his Eagle Scout project building benches for the library. She also brought up the issue of the legal opinion rendered on the back rent issue with the city. In consulting with Mr. McNamara, it was agreed that the proper course of action would be to send an official request in writing to City Council so they can address the return of the money.

Bell: The manga article prompted Ms. Bell to inquire about the Westland Library's policy to prohibit younger patrons from reading age-inappropriate books. Ms. Napsha explained that it's a difficult task since age-appropriateness is based on the individual. Books are separated by age "group" and a certain level of parental supervision is expected. Ms. Bell thought the job hunting article very good and asked if we had solicited grants. Ms. Napsha explained she had forwarded the information to Ms. Kwik. Ms. Bell thought the Teen Job Seekers Panel was a great idea. She also started a discussion about a means to honor the volunteers that deliver to the homebound patrons.

6. Citizen Comments

Westland resident, Ray Schuholz, asked if the system has improved that tracks returned items. Ms. Napsha explained that it is a scanning system and is not 100% accurate. She suggested that if he ever had another returned item lost, he can just call the library to let staff know to be on the lookout.

7. Board Member Comments

Rice: Mr. Rice applauded Mr. McNamara's work on the legal issue facing the library and the city and explained that it was nice to know where we stand. He inquired about the hamburger cooking demo and Ms. Napsha told him the sliders were provided by Schoolcraft Culinary Department. Mr. Rice congratulated the new slate of officers.

Kelly: Ms. Kelly thanked Mr. McNamara for his effort in rendering a swift opinion on the reserve fund question. She asked Ms. Napsha if there was a Library social event that included all employees. She also expressed appreciation for the inclusion of young non-readers in the Summer Reading Program.

Bell: Ms. Bell gave a formal "thank you" to the Friends of the Library for supporting the Summer Reading Program. She also questioned if Ms. Napsha would be following-up with Councilwoman Kadi on the topic of a Council study session regarding the library.

8. Next meeting topics

Update on Reserve Funds Transfer
Strategic Plan Review

9. Evaluation of Library Director

MOTION, to recess for a 5 minute break.

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to resume board meeting @ 8:08 PM

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly - aye

Rice – aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to move into closed session at 8:09 PM to present Director's review.

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly – aye

Rice – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

Meeting moved out of closed session at 8:43 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion by: Rice

Support by: Kelly

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting at 8:44 PM.

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried