

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Board Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 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
Samuel Durante – Vice-President
Rebecca Kelly – Secretary
Duane Moody - Treasurer
Eddie Rice

STAFF PRESENT:
Cheryl Napsha

ALSO PRESENT:
Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

MOTION, to add item f. Presentation of commendation letter to employees of the library

Motion by: Kelly

Support by: Rice

Kelly – aye
Rice – aye
Duranter – aye
Moody – aye
Bell – aye

Motion carried

3. Citizen's Comments

Friends of the Library President Meriem Kadi and Secretary Lynn Hagmann discussed the upcoming book sale. They also discussed funds they have available to help the library and asked that Ms. Napsha think about ways the Friends can help. Of particular concern is storage and they asked the board to consider exploring the option of a shared on-site storage building.

4. Business

a. Employee of the Month

Stephanie Dickinson was recognized as the library's employee of the month for December 2009 and granted use of the Employee-of-the-Month parking space.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2009

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 regular board meeting as presented

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Durante

Moody - aye

Durante – aye

Rice - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

c. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve August bills as submitted

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

Moody - aye

Rice – aye

Durante - aye

Kelly - aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

MOTION, to approve September bills as submitted

Motion by: Durante

Support by: Moody

Durante – aye

Moody – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

d. Facility Committee

Ms. Kelly reported that after researching board involvement at other libraries with facilities issues, it seems that Facilities Committees are typically formed when a major capital project is to be undertaken. Since replacement of a major piece of equipment would probably involve a full board study session anyway, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Durante offered to perform a walk-thru of the library to familiarize themselves with building systems and support Ms. Napsha where needed.

e. Holiday Closings for 2010

No action taken.

f. Presentation of Commendation Letter to Employees of Library

RESOLVED, to present board letter to employees recognizing their hard work during unusual circumstances.

Motion: Moody

Support: Durante

Moody – aye

Durante – aye

Rice – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell – aye

Motion Carried

5. Director's Report

October and November reports were presented and discussed.

Kelly: Discussed programming and the substantive content this fall. Ms. Kelly commended the library on the joint ventures "Facing the Mortgage Crisis" and "Project Salute." Also, likes the "live chat" feature on the Library's website.

Durante: None

Moody: Commended Ms. Napsha on a comprehensive report. The numbers and programs prompted Mr. Moody's desire to recognize the staff. He also complimented Ms. Napsha on the interview she gave for the Observer article.

Rice: Stated how happy he was to see the possibility of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic relocating to Westland. He also questioned why so many services were being provided to Canton residents when there is not reciprocation from the Canton library to Westland residents. Mr. Rice commended the employees for their hard work and mentioned how much he enjoyed the letter written by Bernadette Dewyer praising Marilyn Kwik.

Bell: Applauded the "Picturing America" program and said how much she enjoyed attending. She also thought it an incredibly good value that the library keeps the prints. Ms. Bell expressed concern over the noise level if the Livonia Youth Philharmonic relocates to the library. Ms. Napsha said she is working with the city for other possible practice sites. Ms. Bell questioned if the city newsletter was worth the cost and was assured by Ms. Napsha that the large circulation makes it a good value. Ms. Bell asked about letting only Westland residents use Tutor.com since it is a cost-per-session service. Ms. Bell likes the direction the Children's Dept. is heading. Thinks the programming is phenomenal, taking care of people in need while still offering programs for those coming in for fun and hobbies. Commended staff, especially in Children's and Reference, for filling the gaps while short-staffed from budget cuts.

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Board Member Comments

Kelly: Thanked Ms. Napsha for the extra detail and answers to questions in the financial reports. Congratulated Meriem Kadi on her election to City Council and thinks we're in good hands if she works for the city like she works for the library. Ms. Kelly also stated how proud she was to have worked for Mr. Durante's campaign.

Durante: Commented on the Director's Report and how he thinks the community truly does appreciate the employees. His interaction with residents during the recent campaign confirmed this opinion.

Moody: Asked about the library's storage location and the cost. He likes the idea of on-site storage but thinks it will be extremely expensive. Complimented Ms. Kelly on the meeting minutes.

Rice: Commended Ms. Napsha on better financial reports. Congratulated Stephanie on her Employee-of-the-Month. He also commended Ms. Bell on the well-run meetings and the great job she's doing as president. He likes the idea of a storage building on the library grounds if feasible.

Bell: Congratulated Stephanie on her Employee-of-the Month award and thinks she will make an excellent teacher if she applies herself in teaching like she does at the library. Acknowledged the letter that Bernadette Dewyer wrote about Marilyn Kwik. She feels it shows the quality of the staff at the library. Appreciates all the questions from the previous month being answered and thinks the Director's Report was very well done. Requested that the front and back copying of board packets be limited to individual sections.

8. Next meeting topics

- a. Holiday Closings

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Rice

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 9:27 PM

Moody - aye

Rice – aye

Durante – aye

Kelly – aye

Bell - aye

Motion Carried