

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District was held on October 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the board and the press on October 8, 2009.

Present and acting as trustees:

Richard J. Ryan, President
Donald F. Minner, Vice President
Henry G. Wisniewski, Treasurer
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Secretary
Lawrence Jay Weiner

Absent was:

Barbara Pintozzi

Also in attendance:

Detlev Pansch, Executive Director
Judy Walther, McClure Inserra
Faye Sinnott, Friends of the Library
Betty O'Grady, staff

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Under President's report, he stated he had attended a League of Women's Voters meeting. He was the only one from the library present, and Karen Darch was the only person from the Village. State legislators were there.

The letter to be written to the Village regarding library property was not yet prepared, but Mr. Ryan promised it would be ready by next week.

He called for questions and/or comments on the minutes of September 11. There were none. Mr. Minner moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to approve those minutes as presented.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner

Nays: 0

Absent: Pintozzi

Motion CARRIED.

Ms. Walther presented the auditor's report. She distributed copies of the financial statement and reviewed the information. The board thanked her for the presentation. Mr. Wisniewski moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to accept the auditor's report.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner
 Nays: 0
 Absent: Pintozzi
 Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ryan stated that the library's attorney had advised that tax rate objections had been received and should be paid. The total amount of the settlement is \$9,006.00. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to advise Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd. to accept the settlement.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner
 Nays: 0
 Absent: Pintozzi
 Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Wisniewski presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$4,724,853.94, receipts were \$1,238,418.20 and expenditures \$412,460.27, leaving an ending balance of \$5,550,811.87. This ending balance is \$577,830.98 greater than that of one year ago. Mr. Minner moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report and approve bills for payment as submitted by the Executive Director.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner
 Nays: 0
 Absent: Pintozzi
 Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Pansch presented the Arts Advisory Committee report in the absence of Ms. Pintozzi. He stated that another successful artist reception was held on October 9. The artist is a young college graduate. Ms. Pintozzi called and asked if the board would look into reviving the sculpture garden. The board discussed the issue and agreed to allow the Arts Advisory Committee to reactivate the sculpture garden.

Director Pansch presented the Executive Director's report. Two weeks ago the new e-newsletter was sent out to 10,000 patrons.

The landscaping project is complete and the terrace garden looks very nice. The path has been reinforced and is completed.

Mr. Pansch had budgeted upgrading the Symphony system, but after discussions with department heads it was agreed to wait. We may look at another vendor. Small changes could be made to the current system in order to get more value out of it. We could enhance what the catalog does.

Mr. Pansch had been looking into having a second induction for the sorter. There is a bottleneck when people return books. This is the most expensive portion of that system, costing about \$100,000.00.

Mr. Pansch had attended a meeting of the Cultural Commission at the Village Hall.

Several resumes have been received from people wishing to become a trustee. The deadline for submitting resumes is October 23. The board agreed to narrow the selection to five and have the Personnel Committee hold candidate interviews for 30 minutes each.

The subject of criminal background checks was addressed.

All new employees would have a criminal background check as well as non-high-school-student volunteers. Mr. Minner moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to require background checks for all new employees and non-student volunteers.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner

Nays: 0

Absent: Pintozzi

Motion CARRIED.

On October 24, the library will have a Galileo night in the upper parking lot. Governor Quinn may attend.

Ms. O'Grady presented information about a couple who wished to purchase an outdoor bench for the library in memory of their son. Mr. Weiner moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to approve their donation request.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner

Nays: 0

Absent: Pintozzi

Motion CARRIED.

Serving Our Public was reviewed. The Per Capita Grant was addressed. Mr. Weiner moved, and Ms. Clifford seconded, to submit the Per Capita Grant application to the state.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner

Nays: 0

Absent: Pintozzi

Motion CARRIED.

Ms. Sinnott presented the Friends of the Library report. A silent auction is being planned. Law books have been donated and will be available for the silent auction, along with other suitable things.

Ms. Sinnott stated that the Friends are thrilled with the way the library is publicizing them. The upcoming sale is on October 24 and 25. The Friends will participate in "Shop for a Cause" and hand out coupons at the sale.

The Friends requested permission to acquire a storage unit to be placed outside near the trash containers, allowing a little more space for book storage. The "Pod" would not interfere with the dumpster or trash pickup. Permission had been granted previously.

The board inquired about the shed for maintenance equipment. Mr. Pansch stated that the architect and construction person are trying to find a suitable custom shed.

There was no Old or New Business. Under Communications, a thank-you letter was received from Sue Zelsdorf thanking the board for her anniversary gifts.

Mr. Ryan said that no Executive Session was needed. The Personnel Committee would meet after the Regular Meeting. Mr. Wisniewski moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to adjourn Regular Session.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Clifford, Weiner

Nays: 0

Absent: Pintozzi

Motion CARRIED. Regular Session ended at 8:29 p.m.

Carolyn Welch Clifford, Secretary