

GALESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Present: Berlin, Conolly, Hunigan, Kroll, McDonald\*, Muelder, Peterson, Phillips, Reichel. [9]  
Also present: Pam Van Kirk (Library Director), Jane Easterly (Assistant Director), and Nancy Terpening (Library Staff).

CALL TO ORDER.

President Reichel called the regular monthly meeting of the Galesburg Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June regular board meeting as written. Phillips seconded. There was voice vote approval.

PRESENTATION OF EXPENSES AND PAYROLL –See attached lists.

Kroll presented the list of expenses, add-ons and estimated payroll.

Kroll made a motion to approve the payment of the list of bills and estimated payroll in the amount of \$80,797.44, add-ons in the amount of \$10,079.11 plus petty cash expenditures in the amount of \$631.56. Muelder seconded.

Roll Call #1.

Ayes: Berlin, Conolly, Hunigan, Kroll, Muelder, Peterson, Phillips, Reichel. [8]

Nays: None.

Absent: McDonald. [1]

President Reichel declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee: Chairperson Peterson reported that the committee had not met.

Personnel Committee: Chairperson Phillips reported that the committee had not met.

Finance Committee: Chairperson Kroll reported that the committee will meet on July 15 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the FY2011 budget. All board members are welcome to attend. He said that this year the city's finance department has asked that the library present their budget to the city council. Normally, the library gives its budget to the finance department and it is presented to the council as part of the city's budget. The board expressed concern that the city finance department would be determining our tax levy without any feedback from us on the amount of money that would be needed for FY2011. Reichel said that the information from the city finance department indicates that the library should get a tax levy similar to the current budget year. Mrs. Van Kirk said that the library has already cut the budget this year by reducing the number of materials it purchases. The reference book budget has been cut \$27,000 per year. Money for personnel has also been saved this year by not having the new young adult librarian start working full time until fall.

Kroll said that a budget information packet will be sent to the board prior to the finance committee meeting. He said at this time the plan is to have the finance committee meet and then present the budget to the entire library board for approval at the August board meeting.

\*McDonald arrived.

Policy Committee: Chairperson McDonald reported that the committee had not met.

Foundation Report: Mrs. Van Kirk reported that at the last meeting of foundation there was a presentation by Josh Gibb of Galesburg Community Foundation regarding the services his foundation can provide to non-profits.

The GPLF president suggested a meet & greet with the library board members. She will be planning the meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Conolly reported that the nominating committee consisting of Conolly, Kroll, and Phillips had met prior to the board meeting and they unanimously agreed to recommend the re-election of the current library board officers: Martin Reichel, President; Roger Peterson, Vice-president; Mike Kroll, Financial Secretary; Laurie Muelder, Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.

Hunigan made a motion to close the nominations. McDonald seconded. There was voice vote approval.

Conolly made a motion to re-elect the current officers. Hunigan seconded. There was voice vote approval.

#### DISCUSSION

The Board received copies of the departmental and Director's reports. Copies of these reports are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Mrs. Van Kirk reported on the hospitalization of long time employee Dick Pearson.

Mrs. Van Kirk reported on the Alliance Library System board's decision to participate in a merger process with Du Page, Metropolitan, MSLS, and PALS library systems. The merged system would begin operations as of July 1, 2011. She said that it is believed that the best option is to work towards one strong sustainable library system to serve all of Illinois.

Robert H. Wexler left \$5,000 to the library in his will.

Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Muelder seconded. There was voice vote approval.

Adjourned: 5.00 p.m.

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Secretary

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President