

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD - FINAL

June 14, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Library Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at the Office of the Library Director. Kul Gauri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kul B. Gauri
Lynne Gregory
Nancy Wheeler
Audre Zembrzuski

Cathleen Russ, Library Director

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given

Resolution #LB-2007-06-01

Moved by Zembrzuski

Seconded by Gregory

RESOLVED, That Heather Eisenbacher, Arthi Krishna and Shruthi Subramanian be excused.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED**Resolution #LB-2007-06-02**

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Wheeler

RESOLVED, That Minutes of May 10, 2007 be approved.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reviewed Agenda entries

Resolution #LB-2007-06-03

Moved by Wheeler

Seconded by Zembrzuski

RESOLVED, That the Agenda be approved.

Yes: 4—Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no Postponed items.

NEW BUSINESS.

Report on Trustee Association Dinner of June 13, 2007

Lynne Gregory, Nancy Wheeler and Cathleen Russ attended the Public Library Trustee Association of Oakland County Annual Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. Russ gave a brief report about the event, including the address given by State Librarian Nancy Robertson. Libraries will receive their second State Aid check this year, but State Aid for FY 2008 is still in question. The State Librarian also discussed the proposed consolidation of library cooperatives throughout the State of Michigan. A question also came up about changes to the Personal Property Tax, and how that would affect libraries. It is always helpful to have the support of library trustees, who can often do more good and lobby more freely than library directors and library employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Facility Discussion

Gauri, Gregory and Russ met with Assistant City Manager John Lamerato and Friends of the TPL representatives Maria Hunciag and Mary Kerwin, to discuss next steps in investigating the possibility of a new or expanded TPL. Previous approval had been granted by City Council to proceed with a needs assessment/feasibility study. These studies will show what the options are, and how much they will cost. Russ is working on putting together a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to send to consultants.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Report.

Russ reported on her first two weeks at the library. She is very happy to be back at the TPL and is enjoying the job immensely. She will be attending the American Library Association conference Friday, June 22 to Wednesday, June 27. Due to progress with the RFQ, Russ requested that the Library Advisory Board schedule a meeting in July and also in August. Russ will advise the board members if a meeting is or is not necessary, with at least one week's notice.

Board Member's Comments

Gauri shared a newspaper article about the proposed new Novi Public Library. Zembrzuski asked that it be noted that she had nothing to say this time!

Student Representative's Comments

No comments.

Suburban Library Cooperative.

Gregory informed the board members that Kristen Valyi-Hax is the interim director of the Suburban Library Cooperative. Interviews for the director position were scheduled for

this afternoon. The cooperative has also hired a new software support specialist (Charlie), who replaces Lissa Potter. The SLC Board approved the purchase of the new Director's Station at the last board meeting, as the old module was underconfigured. The board also approved the purchase of an authority processing system for the automation system. This system will aid in cross-referencing dual references, such as Mark Twain and Samuel Clemens. Gregory distributed a document created by a former trustee, which explains how a library cooperative works, and answers frequently asked questions about library cooperatives. The trustees also discussed the need for Trustee Orientation materials for new trustees.

Friends of the Troy Public Library.

Julie Sigler from the Friends Board told the trustees that the Friends Board meets the second Monday of every month, at 9:30 a.m. This is a change from the previous meeting schedule. Also, the Friends Board does not meet in July, August or December. The Friends are purchasing a laptop, working on putting together a volunteer brochure, and have created coupons for the Book Shop and Gift Shop. Also, at the annual meeting in May, the Friends' members re-elected board members to all the positions. Russ told the board members about the Friends' new website (in demo stage currently) and showed them the website on her computer. The trustees were complimentary to the new website.

Gifts.

None.

Informational Items.

June TPL Calendar.

Contacts and Correspondence.

21 written comments from the public were reviewed.

Public Participation.

There was no public participation.

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Kul Gauri
Chairman

Cathleen Russ
Recording Secretary