

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD - FINAL

January 10, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Library Board was held on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at the Office of the Library Director. Kul Gauri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL **PRESENT:** Heather Eisenbacher
Kul B. Gauri
Lynne Gregory
Nancy Wheeler
Audre Zembrzuski
Arthi Krishna
Shruthi Subramanian

Cathleen Russ, Library Director

Guests: Maria Hunciag, Julie Sigler, Friends of TPL

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given

Resolution #LB-2008-01-01

Moved by Wheeler
Seconded by Zembrzuski

RESOLVED, That Minutes of December 13, 2007 be approved.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #LB-2008-01-02

Moved by Gregory
Seconded by Zembrzuski

RESOLVED, That the Agenda be approved.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no Postponed items.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Express Terminal Update—Russ told the board members that she was

investigating the possibility (per board request) of “express terminals” for the library. These express terminals would be used by patrons to check email and do brief searches, in a short period of time, i.e. a 15 minute limit. Russ said that there would be a cost involved to implement such a system, and she was looking into it. However, rather than spending the money to implement a system on 2 terminals, she would implement it on all the library’s public computers. Discussion by the board members ensued.

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Library Needs Assessment/Feasibility Study**—Russ has read and offered comments to Jim Mumby on the first draft of the Needs Assessment Study. It will be reviewed with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager next week. The study results will be presented to the City Council at a study session at their meeting on Monday, February 4, 2008.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Director’s Report—Russ reviewed the new organizational chart. Russ reported that TPL will be live on the MelCat system on Monday, January 21, 2008. Russ updated the members about the status of the State Librarian’s committee to review library cooperatives, and also the SLC’s plans to incorporate the shared automation system. Russ updated the members on the Museum Adventure Pass program—it is going very well. TPL circulated 150 passes in December, the highest number of any SLC library.

Board Members’ Comments

Wheeler asked about Troy residents’ priority for programs. When there are programs for which reservations are required, Troy residents have first priority. Non-residents are put on a waiting list, and if space permits, they are allowed to attend the program. Gauri asked for a quarterly report of Friends’ funded library projects.

Student Representatives’ Comments—Krishna mentioned that many students use the Troy Public Library.

Suburban Library Cooperative--Gregory

Five applications have been received for the Systems Librarian position. State aid has been reduced to 32.47 cents per capita. The SLC Board Bylaws were updated to include the newly created Finance Committee. The next SLC Board meeting is Thursday, January 31.

Friends of the Troy Public Library

Maria Hunciag reported that the Friends Book Shop earned over \$100,000 in 2007, a record-breaking achievement. Maria also reported that Tammy Duszynski resigned as President from the Friends board. Jeanne Stine has been asked if she will consider the nomination for Friends’ Board President. The next Friends’ meeting is Monday, January 14, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. The meetings will then occur on the first Monday of the month, due to a change in Russ’s schedule.

Gifts.

The library received 3 donations in December:

- \$100 CoraEllen DeVinney, New Baltimore
- \$500 Afshan Khadar, Rochester Hills
- \$200 James and Nora Kelly Thompson, Royal Oak

Informational Items.

December TPL Calendar.

Contacts and Correspondence.

8 written comments from the public were reviewed.

Public Participation.

There was no public participation.

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Audre Zembrzuski
Vice Chairman

Cathleen Russ
Recording Secretary