

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

At 7:00 p.m. the Library Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order by President Judy Lindstrom.

Present: Trustees: Margaret Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik and Pam Williams

Unable to Attend: Joseph Falik

Administration: Library Director, Karen Kotulis-Carter; Assistant Library Director, Carol Mueller; Director's Secretary, Andrea Aragona

Guests: Cynthia Martinek, SOC representative; Terrence Donnelly, Dickinson, Wright, PLLC; Paul Stauder, Stauder, Barch & Associates.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Pam Williams, seconded by Peggy Cohen **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

President's Verbal Report:

Judy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Judy stated that she once again wanted to applaud and commend all of the staff at the Library. Judy attended Friday's Staff Development Day and was amazed at all that has been accomplished in the last fiscal year in spite of the "belt tightening". She stated that we have such a talented group and thanked one and all!

Director's Verbal Report:

Karen had the opportunity to welcome students and families to the "Art from the Hills" Bloomfield Hills Schools student exhibit at BTPL. The exhibit will be in the Library from May 15 through May 26. It was great fun to feel all of the excitement and pride.

Karen updated the board regarding our going live with Sierra on April 25. Things went quite well with the Beta tasting. We had several bugs which were expected with a BETA testing, but staff has been holding their own keeping Innovative Interfaces, Inc. up to date and Ill in turn has been very responsive in correcting any glitches. There has been great team work within the departments. BTPL was the first of 435 public libraries to successfully install the new system!

Karen thanked Judy for attending Staff Development Day and for presenting the Staff Service Awards. She also thanked the Lindstrom Family who made a wonderful donation, for the second year in a row, to fund the entire day.

A digital bookmobile will be at Bloomfield Township Hall on Friday, June 15 from noon to 6pm. The township worked with the Library to find a spot for the Overdrive Bookmobile, as our parking lot was not able to accommodate the additional parking needed. We appreciate the Township's cooperation.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION

After discussion, a motion was made by Joan Luksik, seconded by Pam Williams **TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the Public:

Judy welcomed Cynthia Martinek, SOC representative; Terrence Donnelly, Dickinson, Wright, PLLC; Paul Stauder, Stauder, Barch & Associates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Troy Public Library Reciprocal Agreement:

Karen received a letter from Troy's City Attorney, Lori Grigg Bluhm, which rejected the BTPL Library Board's proposed agreement with regard to reciprocal borrowing for Troy Public Library. Troy included an amended agreement that would return both libraries to the reciprocity shared a couple of years ago for a one year trial basis. Currently Troy residents are limited to a three item limit at checkout. Due to the disproportionate numbers regarding usage, the BTPL Board could not accept this agreement. Troy is using BTPL almost 5-1 more in respect to circulation. The Board would like to have this issue resolved and implemented by July 1, 2012. Discussion has been ongoing for nearly a year on this topic. Karen stated that BTPL has a long history of establishing positive partnerships with other libraries and organizations for the benefit of our taxpayers. This can be a particularly enriching relationship if both parties benefit fairly. While our Library was open to establishing a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with the Troy Public Library allowing for an equitable result, the agreement as amended would not be "mutually advantageous: or equitable. The Trustees passed a motion to reject Troy's amended reciprocal Agreement.

After discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Cohen, seconded by Grant Gerhart **TO REJECT TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNTER OFFER OF NO LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF ITEMS THEIR RESIDENTS CAN BORROW FROM OUR LIBRARY.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Improvements Bond

The Township has been keeping Karen updated regarding a recent communication from Stauder, Barch and Associates, Inc, who were the financial consultants for our Library Improvements Bond in 2004. They continue to monitor the bond relative to the changing market rates. The Township could possibly receive a potential million dollar "refund" to the taxpayers based on recent market changes. Re-funding the Library Improvements Bond will be on the May 29th Township agenda. Terrence Donnelly and Paul Stauder gave a brief presentation to the Library Board regarding the Library Improvements Bond to provide the background on this recent topic. The Trustees appreciated the update and are particularly pleased regarding the possibility our taxpayers may receive a reduced future bond rate.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

No discussion

A motion was made by Joan Luksik, seconded by Pam Williams **TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER:

Judy invited all to attend the Cranbrook Plant Sale on Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. She also encouraged all to visit the student's art exhibit at the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Joan Luksik, Secretary