

Lansing Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2010
Minutes

President Tom Nowak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Carrie Appold, Tim Glinski, Mary Kern, Judy Koch, Tom Nowak

Absent: Cecilia Gonzalez

Also Present: Debbie Albrecht, Director
Joan Ridder, Adm. Asst.

Visitor: Patty Higgins

Tom Nowak asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lansing Public Library Trustee and Vice President Laura Hyzy.

Approval of Minutes: Carrie Appold moved and Mary Kern seconded that the minutes of the November 19, 2009 regular Board Meeting be approved. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Village of Lansing's current financial report shows a balance of \$991,957.72 in the library's account on January 19. Debbie commented that one half of the expected tax revenue has been received.

Approval of Bills: Judy Koch moved and Mary Kern seconded to approve the January 2010 bills in the amount of \$96,121.02 and the additional January 2010 bills in the amount of \$3,666.72. All present voted aye on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Carrie Appold moved and Judy Koch seconded to approve the December, 2010 bills in the amount of \$63,669.82. All present voted aye on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Debbie passed the recent correspondence and newspaper articles concerning the library around the board table. In addition to a note from a patron thanking the library for hosting the Pakistani Cultural Night, there were several newspaper photos pertaining to Pennies for Peace, the Sadhana School of Indian Music program, and the Wesoly Lud Polish Dance Troupe who performed on the January 8.

Letters were received from the Program Director of the Burnham Plan Centennial, Jane Rowland of the Calumet City Public Library, Alice Calabrese Berry of MLS, and Attorney Roger Ritzman.

Director's and Department Head's Reports: The Board agreed that good things continue to happen at the library. Judy Koch mentioned that she thoroughly enjoyed the St. Nicholas Program, Mary Kern commented that the Sadhana School of Indian Music program was wonderful, and Carrie Appold thought the upcoming book discussion with the author of Sarah's Key on Skype was a great idea.

The Board discussed several ways in which the library could honor the memory of Trustee Laura Hyzy.

Friends of the Library: The Friends books sales for December and January netted over \$1500.00. Friends are making a \$200 donation for mystery books in memory of their founding member, Laura Hyzy.

1st Reading of Revised Lansing Public Library Policy Manual: After reading and making additions and/or corrections, the Board will vote to approve the revised policy manual at the February meeting. Debbie informed the Board that the spending limit of the Director will be added to the Lansing Public Library Trustee Bylaws.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with MLS regarding Reciprocal Borrowing: Judy Koch moved and Carrie Appold seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with MLS regarding Reciprocal Borrowing. The cost for our library would be \$250 a year. All present voted aye on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Approval to Hire a Building Consultant: The Board was in agreement that Debbie contact the Building Consultant recommended by Glenwood-Lynwood Library Director Kathy Parker. Debbie will see if he is available to speak to the Board at the next board meeting on February 18.

Discussion on Appointment of Library Trustee to fill Laura Hyzy's Position: Debbie was advised by the Board to post the vacant trustee position on the library website and at both entrances to the building. Those interested in this position are to reply in writing by February 15. The letters of those applying for this position will be read at the February 18 board meeting.

Tom Nowak declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Joan Ridder, Administrative Asst.

