

MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, May 24, 2007

7:15 pm

Approved June 28, 2007

Present: Ginger Grant, George Hayward, Howard Jacobs, Mindy Leiterman, Estelle Palevsky, Susan Wolfert; Marilyn Greiner, Acting Assistant Director

Absent: Eugenie Contrata, Acting Library Director

Visitors: Robert Reninger, Hal Samis

President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

President Jacobs asked if the visitors had any questions or comments.

Mr. Reninger asked if the New York City Department of Environmental Protection had approved the application for the geo-thermal system and if an easement was required.

President Jacobs asked if the minutes from the Library Board meetings were being posted on the website. Acting Assistant Director Greiner said they were.

Trustee Palevsky moved the minutes from the May 10, 2007 meeting be accepted as presented. Secretary/Treasurer Hayward seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Hayward said the bills had been reviewed and were in order. Secretary/Treasurer Hayward made a motion to approve the bills from April 19, 2007 through May 17, 2007 in the amount of \$11,508.62, for payment. Trustee Palevsky seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Vice President Wolfert moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Palevsky seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Administration Report

Acting Assistant Director Greiner reported about the continuing migration from the Dynix circulation system to the Sirsi circulation system. She reported that the migration clearly did not go as planned, despite a test run in February, but that progress continues to be made and the system is up and running.

There was discussion regarding the application for a grant to preserve valuable local history items in the Library's collection and the need for security in the new local history room planned for the new building.

Finance Committee

Vice President Wolfert said that the Finance Committee was planning to get together in the near future to begin discussing the operating budget for 2008.

President Jacobs said that Supervisor Feiner said in an e-mail that the Library should have access to a para-transit vehicle sometime in June and that no special license was required to drive the vehicle.

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Building Committee

Trustee Palevsky said that the geologist hired by the Town recommended a closed-loop geothermal system, indicating that the borings drilled supported this recommendation. She said the drawings were 90% complete. She said the asbestos abatement continues at the old Town Hall and that demolition of the old Town Hall should occur in the next 6 – 8 weeks. Trustee Palevsky said that concrete would begin to be poured soon and that a new roof for the existing building would start being installed as well. She reported that the dirt and rocks dug up during the construction process were being pulverized and reused on the site, which conforms to sound environmental practices.

President Jacobs said that Supervisor Feiner had contacted him regarding another site in Hartsdale. President Jacobs had e-mailed Supervisor Feiner regarding some concerns, which included staffing issues. President Jacobs said there were pros and cons. Supervisor Feiner has said the funds would not come out of the construction budget or the Library's operating budget. There was discussion about this topic. The Library Board decided that the present locations are working well and the effort and time involved in setting up another site did not make sense given that the new building would be opening in the not so distant future.

Bylaws

There was discussion about the section in the bylaws pertaining to members of the public speaking at the Library Board meetings. Secretary/Treasurer Hayward will address Article VI, Section C regarding the Agenda of the meetings.

Foundation Report

Trustee Leiterman reported she had been unable to attend the last Foundation meeting but the Foundation minutes stated that discussion regarding the memorandum of understanding between the Library Board and the GPL Foundation Board had been put off until a Library Board Trustee was present. She will attend the next GPL Foundation meeting which will take place on Monday, June 4.

New Business

Trustee Grant moved to approve the upcoming part-time salary increments. Trustee Palevsky seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Grant moved to promote Librarian I Valerie Griffith to Librarian II. Trustee Leiterman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2007, at 7:15 pm, in the Multipurpose Center at Olympic Lane. This is a change from the initially scheduled location.

Secretary/Treasurer Hayward moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Trustee Palevsky seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Palevsky moved to close the Executive Session. Vice President Wolfert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Vice President Wolfert moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Palevsky seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Cory Deitchman, Assistant to the Library Director.