

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Public Library Conference Room
March 19, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Macikas-Blumstein, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mrs. Colton; Ms. Macikas-Blumstein; Mrs. Postma; Mrs. Rauch, Administrative Librarian; Mr. Auston, Assistant Administrative Librarian; and Mrs. Barnett, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Bouchie and Mr. Myers were absent. Mr. Hayden C. Flor and Mr. Herbert Guenther, candidates for the unexpired two-year term, were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Colton/Postma. A roll call vote passed. (4Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mrs. Colton, Ms. Macikas-Blumstein, and Mrs. Postma]; 2 Absent [Mr. Bouchie and Mr. Myers]).

NEW BUSINESS – A motion was made and seconded at 7:34 p.m. to move into executive session for the purpose of reviewing candidates' resumes. Postma/Colton. The motion passed. The regular session resumed at 7:43 p.m. The two candidates returned to the meeting and were thanked for their interest in the Board position. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Flor to fill the two-year unexpired term, ending in 2009. Postma/Colton. The motion passed. Mr. Flor will be sworn in at the April meeting. He remained for the duration of the meeting. Mr. Guenther left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

TEASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Colton presented this report. Recently Mrs. Colton, Mr. Bouchie, and Mrs. Rauch met with Steve Larsen of Ehler's Financial Group to discuss the possibility of selling bonds. The matter will be discussed further at the April meeting. Mrs. Colton also met with representatives of school districts #153 and #233 in order to work for the common good of various taxing bodies.

ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – Mrs. Rauch presented this report. Statistics were included in the Board packet. She will be meeting Friday with the landscape artist to determine what items need to go out for bids. Mrs. Rauch informed the Board that Mr. Auston has accepted a position at the Palatine Public Library beginning April 1, 2008. At the present time his position will not be filled. Mrs. Rauch plans to hire a company to service the Library's computers. She has met with the Friends and has informed them of the reduction in space they will have on the mezzanine level. The Friends have presented a number of options they are considering, such as selling more items on line or holding numerous mini-sales. Mrs. Rauch also noted that upgrades to the telephone system are needed. MLS Board appointments will be announced soon.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – Ms. Macikas-Blumstein expressed regret that Mr. Auston is leaving the Library and thanked him for his efforts. Mr. Auston presented a summary of his on-going projects, including the landscaping project and various technology advancements. He noted that it was an honor and pleasure for him to work with Mrs. Rauch and the Board of Trustees.

CORRESPONDENCE – A letter from a concerned patron was shared.

LEGISLATION UPDATE – Information on pertinent legislation was available in the Board packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – Additional estimates are needed for the concrete repair by the back door.

Finance – Mrs. Rauch discussed several items questioned by the Board.

Governmental Affairs – No report

Library Resources – No report

Personnel Policies – Mrs. Postma presented the final reading of the staff development/professional development policy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as amended. Postma/Colton. The motion passed. Mrs. Rauch discussed the proposed health insurance opt-out policy. She noted that at the present time there may not be any staff interested.

Audit – No report