Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Public Library Conference Room
December 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Barr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Barr; Mr. Bouchie; Mrs. Colton; Mr. Flor; Ms. Macikas-Blumstein; Mrs. Postma; Mrs. Rauch, Administrative Librarian; and Mrs. Barnett, Administrative Assistant. Mr. Myers was absent. Mr. Larson, from Ehlers and Associates, was also present.

CONSENT AGENDA – A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Postma/Macikas-Blumstein. A roll call vote passed. (6 Ayes [Mr. Barr, Mr. Bouchie, Mrs. Colton, Mr. Flor, Ms. Macikas-Blumstein, and Mrs. Postma]; 1 Absent [Mr. Myers]).

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Rauch reported that the auditors have not completed the final report.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – Mrs. Rauch reported that the new landscaping has been completed, with the exception of some plants which will be added in the spring. The annual Friends open house was a success. Deadline for the submission of bids for the remodeling project is January 6, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the January Board meeting. The Friends on-line book sale has netted $1,300.00 so far. Friends and Library will be co-sponsoring a table at the Freedom to Read Foundation Fundraiser to be held at the Art Institute on July 12

CORRESPONDENCE – Suggestion box: Patron comments were read and discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Financing remodeling project – Mr. Larson was available to answer questions and offer suggestions for financing the remodeling project. It was decided that a project fund will be established selling debt certificates. By consensus it was decided to defer voting on the debt certificate ordinance (Ordinance # 124), so that Trustees can study the document and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

Election filing – Mr. Barr agreed to be here at 9:30 a.m. on January 19, 2009 to accept election filings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – No report

Finance – The committee met to discuss financing the remodeling project and recommended moving forward with the project. Mr. Flor presented a financial projection which he created.

Governmental Affairs – No report

Policy – Mr. Barr presented the first reading of changes to the Policy Manual. Some areas still need to be addressed. The by-laws need to be changed to match the wording of the Policy Manual.

Personnel Policies – No report

Audit –No report

OLD BUSINESS

SWCBD TIF extension public hearing – The Board does not support the idea of extending the TIF. After discussion it was decided that the Library needs to make a statement at the public hearing on January 13, 2009. The finance committee will prepare a statement to be presented at the hearing. Mrs. Rauch will assist as needed. Mr. Bouchie volunteered to read the statement at the hearing.

Staff recognition and holiday event – The event is scheduled for January 25, 2009.

E-mail accounts – Some problems are still being addressed. Board addresses will be changed to using last names.

MEETINGS

Election Officials workshop – Mr. Barr will attend.

Friends annual meeting – January 26, 2009 at the Library.

Quarterly Elected Officials Meeting – February

Parliamentary Procedure – January 29, 2009

Ethics and Governance in Public Libraries – February 5, 2009

Chamber of Commerce Awards Fundraiser – February 27, 2009

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Barr adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Accepted _____ _____

George E. Bouchie
Secretary