

Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Homewood Library
April 21, 2010

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, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Flor, Ms. Postma and Ms. Rauch, administrative librarian.

CONSENT AGENDA – Ms. Eagle, secretary, corrected the minutes to reflect the actual attendance for last month’s meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as corrected. (Postma/Bouchie)

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Flor, treasurer, presented a general fund statement of library activities year-to-date March 2010.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT –

Computers in Libraries conference: Library personnel attended a conference on the use of computers in libraries to learn more about how we can best utilize these resources.

Storyteller program: Storyteller Regina Carpenter presented a program at the library that was very well-received.

School evacuation: The library took in schoolchildren from neighboring St. Joseph School when the school was evacuated April 12 due to a gas leak. St. Joseph staff and students expressed their appreciation for the library’s assistance.

Patron cancelled holds: Patrons can now cancel holds they have issued on library materials.

Gates computers: The computers the library is purchasing with the Gates Foundation grant have been ordered.

Digital signage: The library has ordered four 42” televisions to use for digital signage in the building.

Book bin drive: The Jr. Friends organization will help organize and implement the drive for gently used books suitable for use in the Homewood School District 153 second grade classroom book bins.

Novel mention: The Homewood Library was mentioned in a novel authored by a local resident. Next stop: Hollywood!

CORRESPONDENCE –

Patron correspondence included positive remarks about the library's children's programs, knitting program and recent mother/daughter event. Patrons are still unhappy about the magazine shelving.

PLA conference: Mr. Bouchie presented a report on the recent Public Library Association conference, which he attended along with a number of library staff members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Advocacy – No report

Facilities – The facilities committee met for a building walk-through immediately prior to the April 21 board meeting. They report the library building is in generally good shape. There is a hole in the parking lot and a few paint issues to be resolved. The library may want to revitalize the landscaping at the perimeter of the property, so that it does not detract from the new landscape design.

Finance – IMET returns have been matching or exceeding the projected returns. The year-to-date March 2010 report shows the library to be somewhat above the property tax levy on which the original budget was based.

Governmental Affairs – Mr. Barr has thrown his hat in the ring for a trustee position with the Metropolitan Library System, who will no doubt benefit from his skills and expertise.

Library Resources – No report

Policy – The board completed the second reading of the library's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy and made minor corrections.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as corrected. (Postma/Bouchie)

Personnel Policies – The personnel committee continues to refine the library's personnel policies. A first reading of the initial policy changes will take place at next month's board meeting.

Audit – No report

NEW BUSINESS

Property tax appeal: Another Homewood business has filed a property tax appeal.

Nominating committee: Mr. Barr, Ms. Postma and Ms. Eagle enthusiastically volunteered to serve on this year's committee to nominate officers for the library board.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. (Bouchie/Postma)
Mr. Barr adjourned the meeting at 9:57.

Accepted _____

Amy Eagle
Secretary