## Homewood Public Library District Board Meeting Regular Meeting Minutes Homewood Library 7:30 p.m. – October 17, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Bouchie, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at that time were Mr. Bouchie, Mr. Barr, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Flor, Ms. Korajczyck, and Ms. Rauch, administrative librarian. No members of the public were present. Mr. Weiss joined the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Ms. Korajczyck moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Eagle seconded the motion. After a brief discussion concerning changes to the minutes, the Board passed the motion by voice vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT -

LACONI Program – a success, Jason Griffey was an interesting speaker.

Incident Reports – two reports were presented for discussion.

Junior Friends Food Drive – Junior Friends of the Library will be conducting a food drive to collect 20-25 bags of non-perishable food or toiletry items..

Bob Milne Concert - a success.

Property Tax Appeals – K-Mart is appealing their property taxes for the Assessment Year 2009.

Graphic Novel Night – will be held on September 29, 2011.

Friends' Appreciation Night –scheduled for December 9, 2011.

Staff Recognition Night – scheduled for January 29, 2012. .

**PATRON COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE/SUGGESTION BOX/EMAIL COMMENTS** – Patron comments were generally favorable and positive. Everyone apparently loves Ms. Sherry: her outreach program services 8 locations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

Advocacy - No report.

Facilities – A summary of the Facility Committee Walkthrough Report was presented.

Finance – A detailed report was submitted by Mr. Flor. Mr. Flor reported that there is currently no safe harbor and only limited opportunities. He indicated that we are doing okay, that we are still on budget, and that we are in good financial shape.

Governmental Affairs – No report.

Library Resources – There have been two meetings of the Committee and good discussions were had. Another meeting is being scheduled for November..

Policy – Proposed changes to the Policy Manual were distributed.

Personnel – Use of social networking by staff was discussed.

Audit – Auditors are expected for two weeks in November.

Nominating committee – No report.

## New Business -

Proposed 175<sup>th</sup> St. TIF – the proposed 175<sup>th</sup> St. TIF was discussed. Mr. Flor indicated that the proposed TIF was financially not feasible. Mr. Flor desired more information on the Washington Park TIF and suggested sending a data request to the Village requesting a detailed list of expenditures for the last two years for the Washington Park TIF. Mr. Flor made a motion to make the request and Mr. Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Mr. Flor then made a motion that the board state that it is "opposed to both TIFs because of the adverse financial impact on the Library and the financial risks faced by TIFs in a down market. Mr. Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Proposed letter from School District #153 – No action was taken because intervening events rendered the letter moot.

Old Business - None.

**Meetings** – The Public Library Association (PLA) is beginning its Preliminary Program on March 13-17, 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The board was encouraged to send a board member to the conference.

Adjournment – Mr. Bouchie, president, adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m..

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	Murray Barr, Secretary	