



February 16, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at the Foundation building located at 113 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

Linda Capozello, Director of Advancement and Communications was introduced.

**Present:** Renee Dietrich, Greg Knies, Frank Kasprowicz, Justin Bodor, Osmer Deming, Johanny Cepeda, Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Henriette Alban, Nancy Campbell, Maureen Dolan and Toni Albert (by phone)

**Absent:** Jim Shankweiler, Colin Waszkiewicz and Paul Hoh, excused.

**Guests:** Carl Long, Nathaniel Thomas and Linda Capozello

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the January minutes made by Stephanie Towles, seconded by Osmer Demming. Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Report presented by Greg Knies. Motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report was made by Henriette Alban, seconded by Nancy Campbell. Accepted.

**Director's Report:** Copies of the Director's Report were made available. Frank Kasprowicz mentioned the ongoing unresolved issues at the branches, air conditioning replacement, gutters, parking. The position for branch manager at the Northeast branch has been advertised.

Carl Long and Nathaniel Thomas gave a presentation about the services the Reference Department provides at the Main Library.

**Library Services:** Report presented by Stephanie Towles. The committee met on February 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed new ideas including better collaboration and partnerships with local community groups and non-profits, leading to possibly compiling a community calendar..

**Facilities:** Report given by Henriette Alban. The issue of the missing carpet tiles is still being pursued. The HVAC at Southeast branch has yet to be installed and the roof at main will soon need to be replaced and city funding researched.

**Finance:** The committee met today prior to the board meeting. Greg Knies shared that the committee is in the early stages of working on a projected long range budget of three to five years.

**Personnel:** The team met with Director Frank Kasprowicz and discussed objectives for 2015.

**Development:** Report given Nancy Campbell. Handouts were made available during the meeting. Cocktails and Classics is still in need of silent auction donations. Wish lists have been compiled for items that could be purchased with designated and undesignated funds. With the conversion from Horizon to Polaris in the spring new computers are a priority.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** We are in need of volunteer to attend the County Library meeting which meets once a month on the Wednesday after our regularly scheduled board meeting. The County Library is looking for a representative from RPL to serve on their Finance Committee.

Frank gave a brief overview of the Ivy Group study,

Renee Dietrich mentioned the upcoming City Council meeting and would like to have board members in attendance.

Motion to adjourn made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Johanny Cepeda Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Hanna  
Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees