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January 21, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:00 PM at the 113 South Fourth Street location with Stephanie Towles, Vice President, presiding.

Present: Ernie Schlegel, Greg Knies, Frank Kasprovicz, Heather Hanna, Jonathan Zeigler, Stephanie Towles, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, Justin Bodor, Henriette Alban, Ryan Breisch,

Absent: Renee Dietrich, Johanny Cepeda, Paul Hoh; all excused.

Guests: Kate Thornton

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Ernie Schlegel to approve the December minutes after correction to location of bookmobile items. Seconded by Jonathan Zeigler. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Jonathan Zeigler to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ernie Schlegel. Approved.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. Frank briefly spoke about the bookmobile that the 4500 items have been removed. Adult items not being added back into branch circulation were donated to the Book Bonanza and Children's items were donated to Northwest Elementary School.

The library has launched an Urban Fiction section.

Discussion regarding the benefit of an onsite DVD buffer was entertained.

Motion made by Ernie Schlegel to do a survey regarding the DVDs in circulation to determine how often DVDs are returned because they are unplayable. Seconded by Heather Hannah. Passed.

Library Services: No Report

Facilities: Report given by Henriette Alban. The City is behind schedule for bids and the start of renovations at the main library.

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Pressure washing has been approved by HARB.

New parking policy and signage at the branches seems to be working well.

A letter regarding the Board's position on replacing the roof was written by Bill Roberts and delivered to City Hall by Ernie Schlegel. A meeting with Carol Snyder is scheduled for January 30th to discuss issues at the library.

Finance: The Finance Committee met at 3 PM today to discuss future funding for the library.

Personnel: The annual review for Frank Kasprovicz will be done in the next few weeks. Any input from Board members regarding Frank's performance needs to be sent to Ryan Breisch prior February 18th.

Development: A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. The Cocktails and Classics committee is still looking for silent auction items. The 250th Anniversary celebration went well. The next event is the Historical Society Program for Children and Teens will be presented in February. The presentation will explore what it was like in Berks County 250 years ago. The Annual Report is being compiled for the March edition of *Pages*.

Strategic Planning: No Report.

Unfinished Business: The paintings issue is resolved and they are the property of the Reading Public Museum.

New Business: BCPL is starting their Strategic Planning Committee. The organizational meeting date is January 23rd at 3 PM.

Discussion was held regarding a referendum to have a designate millage for libraries.

Motion from Ernie Schlegel to have the Board President draft a letter to City Council to go forward with a Referendum to support funding for city libraries. Seconded by Jonathan Zeigler. Approved.

Motion by Ryan Breisch to have a Resolution that all media relation communications be reviewed by the Library Director and Board President. Seconded by Robin Costenbader-Jacobson. Approved.

Motion to adjourn by Heather Hanna and seconded Henriette Alban. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Breisch
Secretary