



March 16, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at the Northeast Branch Library, 1348 N. 11th Street, Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

Present: Renee Dietrich, Greg Knies, Frank Kasprowicz, Johanny Cepeda, Colin Waszkiewicz, Paul Hoh Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Henriette Alban, Nancy Campbell, Maureen Dolan and Toni Albert

Absent: Jim Shankweiler, Justin Bodor, Osmer Deming, excused.

Guests: Mike Najarian, Stephanie McCullough, Denise Sticha and Linda Capozello

Stephanie McCullough was introduced as the new branch manager at Northeast.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the February minutes made by Maureen Dolan, seconded by Paul Hoh. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Toni Albert. Motion to accept the February Treasurer's Report was made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Colin Waszkiewicz. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available. Frank Kasprowicz introduced Mike Najarian, Director of Information Systems who gave a detailed presentation about how the new software Polaris works.

Library Services: Report presented by Stephanie Towles. The committee met last week and discussed the idea of a partner card. This would allow us to partner with agencies such as the Olivets or Hispanic Center who are working with individuals that may not be able to qualify for a library card.

Motion made by Stephanie Towles to adopt a new library category describe as a patron card to be used with partnering agencies to allow adults of families to check out books. Seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

The first Mornings and Main breakfast will be hosted on April 2.

Facilities: Report given by Henriette Alban. Public works is working on repairs to the toilets at the main library. The steps at main will need repair this spring. The elevator at main needs to have additional work and the quote was sent to the City for payment consideration. The sinkhole at the Northwest library was discussed. The committee is compiling a list of items that need to be addressed and what is a priority. Building issues will be addressed with the City.

Finance: The committee met today prior to the board meeting. Greg Knies shared that with the switchover to Polaris that the library needs to upgrade their computers. Initially 12 computers will be needed prior to the release of Polaris.

Motion made by Greg Knies to use the \$10,000 refunded by the City as unused funds from the 2013 renovation, to purchase the first 12 computers needed. Seconded by Paul Hoh. Approved.

It was discussed that we should begin working on a technology plan to incorporate how much funding will be needed to upgrade existing computers.

Personnel: No Report

Advancement: Report given Nancy Campbell. To date we are ahead by \$11,000 in corporate sponsors for our annual Cocktails and Classics event. Auction items are still being received.

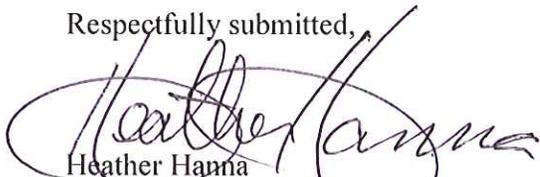
The unveiling of the Children's Department mural at Main will be April 22nd at 4 PM.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Polaris training will begin in April. The Go Live date is set for mid May.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Hanna
Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees