



November 16, 2015

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

Present: Renee Dietrich, Frank Kasprovicz, Colin Waszkiewicz, Paul Hoh, Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Henriette Alban, Maureen Dolan, Toni Albert, Nancy Campbell, Justin Bodor, Greg Knies & Jim Shankweiler.

Absent: Osmer Deming, Johanny Cepeda. Excused.

Guests: Linda Capozello, Denise Sticha

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the October minutes made by Paul Hoh, seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Toni Albert. Motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report was made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Stephanie Towles. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available. Frank Kasprovicz mentioned the recent coverage we received from the Reading Eagle and WEEU. Chris Zale had a meeting with Frank and Vicky Fuller as a follow up to the questions from City Council regarding the library budget. The first Chevre' program was on the radio. There is a Latino Poetry contest is Wednesday and the digitized yearbook project is ongoing. Frank also submitted his letter of intent to retire in 2016.

Library Services: Heather Hanna reported that sales and use tax certificate has been received. The wifi connection has been resolved and Encore will distribute large print discards to the senior centers and via meals on wheels. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 8th, at 4:30 PM.

Facilities: Report given by Henriette Alban. The iron fencing on top of the repaired brick has been installed. The HVAC issue at NE is still being negotiated.

Finance: Report given by Greg Knies. The committee met to review the 2016 budget and discussed future funding of RPL including additional funding from the City of Reading. A final draft will be prepared for the December board meeting.

Personnel: Report given by Jim Shankweiler. Jim addressed the retirement of Director, Frank Kasprovicz and his 27 years of experience and contributions at RPL. Jim Shankweiler proposed the motion the board accept his retirement with regret and with appreciation of his services, seconded by Stephanie Towles. Accepted.

Advancement: Report was given by Nancy Campbell. The upcoming Cultivation Event (Books, Brews, and Bubbly) will be held this Friday, November 20th. An overview of the additional donations received was given.

Strategic Planning: Report given by Paul Hoh. The Ivy Group was discussed and the comments to the Steering Committee were shared with the board. A letter to the Steering committee has been drafted. Motion was made by Paul Hoh to make the letter our official response, seconded by Heather Hannah. Approved.

Unfinished Business: Petitions to City Council for the funding to remain the same in 2016 have been collected.

New Business: The Reading Library Company has elected Hillary Saylor as a board trustee for the upcoming year. The Company by-laws have been modified to change the term year to 3 instead of 5.

Denise Sticha mentioned the upcoming County meeting which is open to anyone will also be the annual year end celebration. The meeting will take place at the Boone Area Library on December 16th. The County Board will meet in advance to review award nominations and winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Paul Hoh gave the report. The following candidates were presented:

Heather Hanna – President

Nancy Campbell – Vice President

Stephanie Towles – Secretary

Toni Albert – Treasurer

No other candidates were nominated. Paul Hoh made the motion to accept the 2016 candidates as presented., seconded by Stephanie Towles. Approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Toni Albert. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hanna

Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees