

## **READING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

September 17, 2012

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 Ernie Schlegel, President, presiding.

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

**Absent:** Doris Leisawitz, Renee Dietrich, Pat Cavanaugh, excused.

**Guests:** Kate Thornton

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Heather Hanna to approve the June minutes, seconded by Justin Bodor. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Paul Hoh to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ryan Breisch. Approved.

**Director's Report:** Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. We received our 9<sup>th</sup> Best Practice this year. The award is for Wrestling Club that was started in the children's department. Frank brought up the fact that the Bookmobile is still sitting at the City Parking Garage not being used. Discussion regarding the sell of the bookmobile was entertained by Ernie Schlegel.

Motion to sell the bookmobile was made by Henriette Alban and seconded by Paul Hoh. Passed.

Frank brought up the issue regarding BCTV and the fact the programming expenses have increased. The use of BCTV for the program "Inside Berks County Libraries" and the children's program was discussed. The cost of the continuing the programs will be \$2450 a year.

Jonathan Zeigler made the motion to continue programming with BCTV, seconded by Paul Hoh. Approved.

Frank brought up the need to update Checkpoint Security. The different systems available as well as cost levels were discussed. At this time the item will be tabled until the price of the renovations is known.

Frank mentioned he spoke to Police Chief Heim regarding the potential for police assistance to receive materials that have not been returned. The board would like Frank to move forward with Chief Heim in setting up a protocol for contacting patrons that have neglected to return or pay for lost items.

Motion to suspend the Agenda to move ahead to Marketing and Development made by Paul Hoh and seconded by Henriette Alban. Passed.

**Development:** A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. Adopt a Book has been changed to Sponsor or Buy a Book. The quarterly newsletter "PAGES" has been mailed and donations have started to come in. Upcoming events such as a Cocktail Party at the Reading Museum have been planned.

**Library Services:** No report

**Facilities:** There is an A/C water leak on the Main Roof. Henriette looked into getting the Main Library building pressure washed. This is an extensive process and needs special attention to the limestone. The cost will be substantial, but it needs to be done correctly. Handouts regarding the process were provided.

**Finance:** The first draft of the 2013 budget was distributed. Discussion regarding additional revenues from the City of Reading was entertained. The City does not pass their budget until November. After that time we will revise the income portion of the budget to reflect any potential increase in funding.

**Personnel:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** An update regarding the paintings at the Reading Museum was given.

**New Business:** Ernie Schlegel was named Trustee of the Year and will be recognized at the PaLa conference on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The County appointed Robin Costenbader-Jacobson as trustee to the Reading Public Library Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Breisch  
Secretary