

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 20, 2012

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

Present: Ernie Schlegel, Paul Hoh, Greg Knies, Mike Najarian, Henriette Alban, Heather Hanna, Renee Dietrich, Jonathan Zeigler, Stephanie Towles and Ryan Breisch.

Absent: Justin Bodor, Doris Leisawitz, Pat Cavanaugh, Frank Kasprowicz

Guests: Mayor Vaughn Spencer

Introduced Heather Hanna as our new Board Member.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: It was moved by Henriette Alban and seconded by Paul Hoh to accept the January minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made Paul Hoh and seconded by Jonathan Zeigler to accept the January Treasurer's Report. Passed.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's report were made available along with additional handouts. Assistant Director Mike Najarian gave the report in Frank's absence. The Northwest Branch will no longer be a voting site for the City of Reading. A thank you letter for the change has been sent to the Board of Elections. Information about a retreat for Trustees was circulated.

Library Services: No report

Facilities: Report given by Henriette Alban. The numbers and brackets for the banners to be placed on the front of the main library are going out for bid. We are continuing to work with the Fire Marshall on the issues with the exit door problem. The Southeast Branch has suffered more gunfire and several windows have bullet holes. RCAP grant is waiting for the Phase I Environmental Study to be completed.

Finance: Discussion regarding the potential five percent reduction in state funding for 2012-2013 took place.. The Board will draft a letter to State Legislators and Senators regarding the impact of further cuts to the library's funding. Mayor Spencer offered to send a letter from his office to show support for the library as well. With more additional cuts in spending the Finance Committee will begin working on the budget now.

Personnel: No report.

Development: A Report of Activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. Renee Dietrich mentioned the upcoming events including the Friendraiser, Jazz Fest and Cocktails and Classics. We are in need of silent auction items for Cocktails and Classics. PAGES is ready to be sent to the printer.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion made by Renee Dietrich and seconded by Stephanie Towles to approve the Annual Report with the footnote to be printed in the newsletter PAGES. Approved.

Ernie Schlegel attended the City Council meeting at the beginning of February. His speech to City Council was read and circulated.

Ernie Schlegel presented the book *The Library That Would Not Die* to Mayor Spencer and thanked him for his attendance at our Board meeting.

Motion to approve the new ILL policy with the corrected sentence made by Paul Hoh and seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

Motion by Henriette Alban to have our attorney, Bill Roberts, act on our behalf to contact the Tax Assessment office, with approval from the Mayor, to get the Northwest property map position corrected. Seconded by Paul Hoh. Passed.

Entered Executive Session at 5:35 pm. Ended at 5:52 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Henriette Alban, seconded by Doris Leisawitz. Passed

Respectfully submitted by,

Ryan Breisch