

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
JUNE 3, 2009

Trustees present: Alessio, Spadafore, Spado, Dunstone, Welcher, Dodge and Scavone.
Staff: Jean Armour Polly, Interim Director and Morgan, Clerk to the Board
Others: Staff members; Friends of the Library Mary Toscano and Gracie Howe.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to order

President Alessio called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. Salutation to the United States Flag.

C. Correspondence circulated amongst the Board.

D. Agenda Changes: Alessio asked for a motion to include an additional topic of a legal contractual matter under the Executive Session with no action to follow. Dodge made a motion and Welcher seconded to include a legal matter under an Executive Session as requested by Alessio. All were in favor.

E. Staff Reports: No report.

F. Friends of the Library:

- Σ M. Toscano, Incoming President introduced Gracie Howe, Vice-President/President Elect.
- Σ Toscano reported on the success of the Annual Dinner.
- Σ On June 15 the Friends will start working on the Annual Used Book Sale Event.
- Σ The Paperback Book and Bake Sale was very successful.
- Σ The Friends sponsored the new garden by the driveway and the container garden pots around the library. Alan Napier, Library Assistant did the work.

The Board thanked the Friends for their role in helping to publicize and educate the Liverpool community regarding the 2009-2010 budget.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of May 6, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Monthly Bills for May
3. Transfers as submitted

Dunstone made a motion and Scavone seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

H. Reports to the Board

1. Treasurer's report

Dunstone reported on the library's financial status from expenditure and revenue reports received through June 2, 2009. Discussion followed on the use of the library's fund balance, and the less than anticipated interest earnings from revenues.

2. President's report – No report.

3. Interim Director's report

In addition to the written report, Polly informed the Board of the following:

- Σ New projection table in the Carman Community Room for staff laptops.
- Σ Central clocks will be installed in the library. The clocks receive power via an Ethernet connection.
- Σ Gaylord donation of a game table (chess, checkers, and backgammon) in the lobby.
- Σ OCPL System Retreat invitation to the trustees held on June 23, 2009. The System is going to undertake strategic planning.
- Σ The library staff collected donations for the Humane Association.
- Σ Sprague created markers in the garden pots to identify what flowers were planted in each.
- Σ Mark asked about any follow-up from the Center for Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems information he had forwarded to Polly. This is a state funded program based out of Syracuse University but involving multi-universities that are developing innovative technologies and programs that will improve the environment and public health.
- Σ Working on getting quotes for the Carman Community Room new windows installation.
- Σ Polly is very interested in Geothermal heating and air conditioning and will be bringing the Board information as she obtains it.

4. OCPL & Advisory Board

No report

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Library budget vote results: Board thanked the staff and Friends of the Library for all the work on the 2009-2010 budget.

The trustees applauded Polly for her community presence at Town Board Meetings in Salina, Clay, and the Liverpool Village Board. Discussion followed regarding the relationship with the LCSD and the library and the continuation of educating the public on the differences between the two with regards to the voting and trustee elections.

2. Board nominating committee: Welcher and Dodge volunteered to be on the nominating committee for the election of officers for 2009-2010.

I. Open Forum

No report.

J. Board Forum

Dodge commented over the negative media coverage involving the library's operating budget on Syracuse.com including his opinion that if media wants to cover the library they should attend the Public Information Meeting in April, and the official Public Hearing in May designed to educate the public with correct information.

K. Executive Session

Alessio stated the need to enter into executive session for legal and personnel issues. Spado made a motion and Spadafore seconded to enter into executive session for the purposes stated by Alessio. All were in favor. The Board entered into executive session at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of a legal matter with no action to follow and a personnel matter with action to follow. Morgan was asked to attend. The Board remained in executive session for the discussion of the Director's search. Polly was not present at the beginning of this discussion.

Polly was asked back in to the Executive Session.

Welcher made a motion and Scavone seconded to return from executive session at 8:06 p.m. All were in favor.

The following motion was made by Spadafore and seconded by Spado.
Motion, that the Board of Trustees of the Liverpool Public Library appoint Jean Armour Polly, Director of the Liverpool Public Library consistent with the rules and regulations of Civil Service Law including an eight-week probation, which is the minimum, required effective June 3, 2009.

On the motion: 7 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

The Offer of Appointment will be administered at the July Board Meeting.

Dodge made a motion and Welcher seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

L. Adjournment

President Alessio adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Morgan
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carman Community Room.