

Irondequoit Library Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
Pauline Evans Branch
Minutes from June 20, 2007

Trustee Members Present: Karyl Mammano, Lynanne Wehner, Elaine Cole, Irena Skrobach, Wolodymyr Pylyshenko, Stephanie Squicciarini (honorary member), Gail Bello (Town Board Liaison), Terry Buford (Director), Anne Boring (Recording Secretary)

Trustee members absent: Susanne Magee (honorary member) (excused), David Heffer (excused), Mary Ellen Jones (excused)

Guests: No guests present

Meeting called to order by Ms. Mammano at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Skrobach. Motion unanimously approved.

Public forum – No requests to speak were made.

Approval of Board Minutes - Motion to approve May 2007 minutes with one correction was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Wehner. Motion unanimously approved.

Vouchers: Ms. Mammano requested a motion to approve the current vouchers. Ms. Wehner made the motion and Ms. Cole seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Library System News

- The MCLS and RPL library boards have announced a proposed new internet policy to appease County Manager Brooks. It is, of course, much more restrictive and much more similar to our policy than it used to be. The key information in this segment of the report is not that their policy is changing

and not even that is changing to be more like our policy. Ms. Brooks is demanding that this policy become uniform throughout the County. This could become difficult if she assumes incorrectly that the MCLS Board has the power to mandate this. They do not. Each member library's board sets policy for that town's library. It is the keystone of our system. Cooperation without coercion. In the past, implementation of countywide policies has required the signoff of every local board. For those of you here when the last MCLS contract was signed it had to be signed by every member. Even though a specific requested policy change may not be distasteful to us, I feel that ceding the power to force changes is. This has not officially been requested yet but I feel that in the same way the library board must assert itself when those on the local level question its legal authority it may be even more important to do so when the challenges come from the county level.

- The Overdrive downloadable audio book service went live on June 11. On the very first day hundreds of people used it. I tried it myself and found it pretty easy to use. It requires a home PC for downloading with a broadband internet connection preferred. Content can then be listened to on any device that accepts mp3 format files. Apple and Microsoft are still negotiating a compromise on iTunes vs. DRM so that iPod users can use the same digital content as non-iPod users.

2. Town News

- I have been meeting regularly with Supervisor Heyman and other town officials as they prepare for the Community Center/Library project. We are working on things such as final details on the REIT agreement, operating cost estimates and talking points outlining reasons to support the project.
- I had a pleasant meeting with Mr. Richard Barone while supplying him with the documents relating to the roofs of both branches. He was entirely reasonable and it gave me a great opportunity to explain that most of what he wanted was already available to the public. I also worked with him so he could obtain updated information for himself when ever he needed it without having to resort to filing a FOIL request.

3. IPL News / Facilities report

- The Evans Branch membrane roof had 2 small leaks from the heavy thunderstorm last night.
 - McGraw Branch air conditioning system has failed. We are awaiting estimates for repair from Monroe Piping. It is possible that the branch may have to occasionally cease operations if conditions become too difficult.
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4. Things you asked about

- I sat outside the Evans Branch last Wednesday afternoon, June 13, from 12:15 to 12:45. It was a balmy 75 degrees or so with a slight breeze and partly sunny skies. I could detect no person who walked to the library. I will continue to do this admittedly anecdotal sampling from time to time but I think we all know that very few people, on a yearly basis, walk or ride bikes to the library.

5. Financial/Statistical Report Highlights

- I have not had the time to review any of the reports this month due to illness. I will answer any questions you may have as we all review them.
- Bolded vendors this month are: #178, Terry Buford, for one year of Tracfone cellular phone service. #180, CMRS-PSB, postage for the postage meter. #184, EBSCO, this is the bill for almost all our magazine subscriptions. It represents a huge cut in the number of titles we subscribe to due to the reductions in our materials budget. Cuts were based on surveys of magazine users and measurement of circulation. #194 MCLS, this is the quarterly bill for phone and postal notification of library users for holds, overdues, etc.

Terry Buford

The board accepted all financial reports.

President's Report. No president's report for this meeting.

Town Board Liaison Report - Ms. Bello opened with the information that East Irondequoit High School Libraries cannot extend their hours because they are under contract like the teachers are. She also stated that they need to see more Library Board people at the Town Board meetings. Ms. Skrobach suggested a Library Board member sign up to speak at each Town Board meeting. Ms. Mammano is going to write an article for the Irondequoit Post for the July issue. Mr. Buford will write an article to appear in the Images. A lengthy discussion by the board on more ways to bring the library situation to the forefront followed. Ms. Bello also noted that the Town Board, Community Center Team and Mr. Buford will meet in executive session on Saturday to discuss the lease agreement and proposals with REIT for the King's Landing Building. The Town Board will include a referendum during the November election which will include the costs to taxpayers for the Library and Community Center. Ms Bello suggested the board come up with ideas on how the Evans branch could be utilized by the community such as an art gallery or a museum.

Friends Report – Ms. Squicciarini was unable to attend the last Friends meeting because she was out of town. However, she noted they now have a combination bookmark/greeting card for sale at \$4.

Old Business -

New Business - Community Center/Library Project – Fully discussed by board during Town Liaison report.

Board President's Remarks – Ms. Mammano told everyone that the director's evaluation has been sent out. They should all be returned by the July 18th meeting.

Ms. Mammano requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn at 9:00pm was made by Mr. Pylyshenko and seconded by Ms. Wehner.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Boring
Recording secretary