

Irondequoit Library Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
Minutes of December 16, 2009

Trustee Members present: Stephanie Squicciarini, Irena Skrobach, David Heffer, Mary Ellen Jones, Elaine Cole, Miriam Ganze

Excused: Karyl Mammano

Others Present: Terry Buford, Director; Wolodymyr Pylyshenko, Honorary Trustee

Meeting Called to order at 7:07pm.

Agenda approval: Moved, seconded, approved.

Public Input: None

Minutes of meeting: November 18, 2009. Moved, seconded, approved.

Board Correspondence: Someone requested a book be purchased; those requests are referred to the acquisitions librarian.

Director's Report:

Irondequoit Public Library
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Wednesday, December 16, 2009

1. Library System News

- The latest round of proposed budget cuts in Albany includes yet another cut in state aid to libraries and library systems. This would be the third cut in about twenty months. If these cuts happen they will create an approximately \$350,000 hole in the MCLS budget. This would force us to look at cutting basic services such as daily delivery.

2. Town News

- The town board passed the 2010 budget with no changes to the library bottom line from the preliminary budget.
- The town board will vote on a spending plan for federal stimulus funds that includes some upgrades for the library in the area of information technology including badly needed replacements for aging equipment such as network servers, network switches and printers.

3. IPL News / Facilities report

- I met with the board of the IPL foundation on December 7th. They are moving ahead with the library board's fundraising proposal. I presented a list of the most pressing infrastructure needs at each building and discussed each need.
- Sherman Furniture Rentals has donated 20 office chairs for public computer stations in the branches replacing the wooden chairs without wheels patrons have been using.
- I have met with Robert Ament who expressed confidence that he can attract donors of supplies and services to help remodel library branch interiors. I will continue to emphasize to all donors that although we appreciate their support, the library management reserves the right to decide all issues involving color, design, placement and organization of the library.

4. Financial/Statistical Report Highlights

- Vouchers of note are: On the December 3 list, #396, Monroe Piping, for replacement of a faulty valve on the boiler at Evans. No vouchers of note on the December 16 list.
- The drop in library use in all categories since our reduction in hours continues to average about 12%.
- We have now received almost all our 2009 State Aid money. We are only \$116 below what was originally budgeted.
- I have included a UMS collection agency report this month and a telephone customer service report.

Terry Buford

President's Report: None.

Staff thank you will be done after New Year's. David Heffer's term is up this month; he will ask to be reappointed. David will let us know when he reapplies.

Friends liaison report: D. Heffer did not attend last meeting of Friends; new President elected. Former president left the group.

Foundation report: Foundation met and discussed needs of the library. Foundation will cover expenses for Libby Post, Consultant, to come and meet with the Library Board. Foundation needs request in writing. Request should include enough to cover her expenses up to \$500 for one overnight.

Town Board Liaison Report: None

Old business: Director's evaluation update—E. Cole sent revisions to D. Heffer.

New business: Meeting dates for 2010. Meetings will be 3rd Wednesday of each month—moved, seconded, approved.

Motion to adjourn, moved, seconded, approved at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cole, Secretary