

Irondequoit Library Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
45 Cooper Road
Minutes of September 21, 2011,

Trustee Members present: Stephanie Squicciarini, Mirian Ganze, Irena Skrobach, Karyl Mammano, Elaine Cole, Mary Ellen Jones.

Excused: David Heffer

Others Present: Terry Buford, Director; Ann Ryan, Friends Board President; John Perticone, Town Board Liaison; Wolodymyr Pylyshenko, Honorary Trustee.

Meeting Called to order 7 pm

Agenda: Moved, seconded, approved.

Public Input: none

Minutes: Minutes of August 17, 2011 motion to approve as corrected: moved, seconded, with two abstentions: Karyl Mammano and Irena Skrobach.

Board Correspondence: The MCLS grant application for parking lot paving was approved by the subcommittee. It was denied by the MCLS board. Stephanie sent an email to Patty Uttaro, MCLS Director, expressing concern and disappointment about this decision. Letters were also sent to the president of the MCLS board and to all of the board members.

Vouchers: All vouchers, moved, seconded, approved.

Director's Report:

Irondequoit Public Library
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

1. Library System News

- Laine Williams, head of Library Automation Services Department at MCLS is retiring in January. His departure leaves big shoes to fill and will revive the age-old debate in libraries when filling top IT positions: Should we hire a librarian with IT skills or an IT professional with some experience working in libraries?
- The MCLS Board has rejected our application for a library construction grant. We are attempting to find out what the justification was for denying what is almost always an automatic approval. I have never heard of them denying any correctly filed application. We are exploring our options.

2. Town News

- The next 2012 budget event is the budget workshop with the town board at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 4.

3. IPL News / Facilities report

- We had Supervisor D'Aurizio at Evans Branch on Monday morning September 12. She did a "ride along" with the reference librarian for 2 hours.
- The Evans Branch public toilets needed repair which has been completed but we discovered we needed new shutoff valves which are on order.
- Evans Branch front door opener is repaired.

4. IPL Personnel Report

- No personnel news to report.

5. Financial/Statistical Report Highlights

- Vouchers of note are: #261, All Doors & Glass, repairs to the gearbox of the Evans Branch door opener; #272, Doyle, for one year of security system monitoring for both branches; #281, Monroe Piping, repairs to Evans Branch HVAC; #282, Monroe Piping, for repairs to Evans Branch public restrooms.
- In your packet are the usual financial and statistical reports. As of August 31, with approximately 2/3 or 66% of the year gone we are in very good shape on all expenses. We have expended 64% of our payroll funds and 47% of our operating funds. On the revenue side we have collected 65% of library charges and 85% of projected miscellaneous income.

Terry Buford

President's Report: A thank-you letter and gift card was sent to the director of the Gates Public Library for Irondequoit's tour of the library.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Nothing new to report.

Communications: An article was published in the Irondequoit Post explaining the hold fee and fine increases.

Contract Negotiations: Stephanie met with our labor attorney to discuss forthcoming sessions.

Director Evaluation: Tabled.

Friends Liaison Report: Invitations have been sent out for the Friends Annual Meeting and Dessert Reception on Tuesday, September 27th from 7 to 9 PM.

October 17th through the 21st is National Friends of the library week.

The Friends will have a table at the community garage sale for a book sale on October 29th from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Foundation Report: none

MCLS Liaison: none

Town Board Liaison: J. Perticone. Packets on the budgets will be dropped off Friday, September 23.

The Seabreeze Water District's financial issue is a serious situation.

Old Business: none

New Business

Communications Services: The Zogby Poll proposal did not meet expectations. The Margin of error seems high. Karyl will consult with a college marketing class.

Stephanie looked at the master plan update. The important points were walkability, connectivity, and multi modal, in that these enhanced the town campus. The repeating theme was neighborhoods, neighborhoods, neighborhoods. Therefore, we need to look at the buildings we have. Everyone should read the master plan. The foundation has approved an advocacy website.

President's Remarks: Motion to adjourn to executive meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

Adjourned: 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Hayes-Power
Clerk to the Library Board
On behalf of
Irena Skrobach
Library Board Secretary