

**MINUTES OF THE BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 5, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Bethel Park Public Library Board of Trustees was held on February 5, 2009. President Beverly McKee called the meeting to order at 4:35 P.M. The following seven (7) members of the Board were in attendance: President Beverly McKee, Georgiana Knaus, Vici Lofstead, Dave Peet, Carol Robinson, Dick Rose, and Dave Wohleber. Also in attendance were Library Director Christine McIntosh and Council Representative Lorrie Gibbons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Georgiana Knaus motioned and Vici Lofstead seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Vici Lofstead reported that the comparison between the 2007 and 2008 budgets was very good. Contributions to the library doubled resulting in a 150% increase in fundraising. There was an increase in computer and programming expenses but all still looks well. Christine noted that the \$4,000 interest from First Federal is now posted and was not at the time Vici looked over the budget. Dave Wohleber motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dick Rose. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Christine McIntosh again included colorful and readable graphs in her Director's Report and while all departments report improvements, she noted that Youth Services Programming has the highest number of programs in the County with a program for each hour of library operation.

Christine said that patrons needing to apply for unemployment benefits can file on-line with library computers and the help of our librarians for those unfamiliar with computers.

Governor Ed Rendell's preliminary budget was sent to Board members yesterday.

An ACLA General Membership Meeting held on January 29, 2009 resulted in no vote.

The All Library Formula Development Committee is meeting weekly with a recommendation from this committee to be ready with the formula at the February 17th meeting. A 28 day review follows, ending with voting the first week of June.

Because of the committee’s emphasis on distressed libraries and population and also no inclusion of a performance factor, whatever iteration of the formula is chosen, large libraries will lose out – a likely loss of \$30,000 to \$40,000 in our case. The debate was good and fair and these factors will be revisited later.

Annual Reports from Heads of Departments are included in the Board packet.

GIFTS:

Donors:

In Memory/Gifts:

Amount:

Carol Rust	Donation	\$ 10.00
William and Georgiana Knaus	Donation	2,000.00
Nick and Virginia Fisfis	Donation	50.00
Cepec Family	Nancy Brown	
25.00		
Carol and Joe Vandetti	Frances Pelan	
<u>50.00</u>		

Total:

\$2,135.00

MUNICIPAL REPORT:

Council Representative Lorrie Gibbons reported that:

- Council is interviewing candidates for boards and committees
- Two new police officers will be hired
- Improvement to the Baptist and Broughton Road intersection is on track with work to be done at night.
- The state is scheduled to repave Baptist Road this summer.
- Walgreen’s is moving along slowly and Boscov’s is still empty.

OLD BUSINESS:

The committee to review Board applications will include John Andrejko, Beverly McKee, Christine McIntosh, Dick Rose, and Dave Wohleber. President McKee will place a courtesy call to Anne Smith to remind her of the By-Laws rule regarding trustee absence from board meetings. The Board has received a resume from resident Carrie Czyzewski asking to be considered for Board membership. Other resumes are

being sought and Christine will advertise for future members with copies of the resulting resumes and letters being sent to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding Policy Number: 106 entitled Internet and Computer Use Policy, Policy Number: 102 entitled Patron Behavior Policy, and Policy Number: 108 entitled Unattended Child Policy Draft 1 – all of which were included in Board Member packets. Several changes were recommended and the policies with their revisions will be presented and voted on at next month’s Board meeting.

President McKee would like to expedite the formulation and acceptance of a Vision Statement which should be specific, measurable and time bound. Members will receive several options through E-Mail which will be reviewed and discussed after the next Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President McKee announced that the annual Trustee Institute will be held at the Sheraton at Warrendale on April 3 and 4. Room and Board will be paid by ACLA and Beverly is hoping for board interest in some, if not all, agendas.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made to adjourn by Dave Wohleber at 5:43 P.M., seconded by Georgiana Knaus. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Robinson, Recording

Secretary