

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—January 12, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Price called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Ed Price, President; Nancy Watson; John Flood; Fred Marcell; Karen Heist; Dr. Kathleen Taylor; Mayor Salvatore Perillo; Jim Rutala
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney, Leslie Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: New member Nancy Watson was welcomed to the Board. She was sworn in at the City Clerk's office. John Flood moved and Karen Heist seconded the approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2008 meeting. The motion was passed with one abstention. Nancy Watson was not in attendance at that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Flood reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. He reported that there are two bills needing approval which are not on the bill list. One is for \$550 to Michael Hartman, a funding request that was approved at the December meeting. The other is a payment of \$873,750.75 to be paid to the City for the construction project. This was also approved at the December meeting. A resolution is needed to amend our budget to reflect a \$64,000 transfer from fund balance to the Employee Benefits line item. Mr. Flood moved and Mr. Marcell seconded to approve Resolution L2009-05, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the 2009 Operating Budget. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Price welcomed new member Nancy Watson, who thanked Mayor Perillo for her appointment. He also mentioned that he had received a letter from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension commending Assistant Director Leslie Clarke for an outreach visit to their Grandparents program. Mr. Price mentioned the recent League of Municipalities proposal to lobby for legislation reducing library funding from 1/3 mil to 1/6 mil. Director Christopher Maloney reported that he is on a committee with the State Librarian concerning library advocacy and that the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative has been addressing this issue, requesting municipalities to lobby legislators not to vote for any legislation reducing library funding.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney reported that library usage is up. He will have statistics reflecting increased usage at the February meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: NA

BUILDING EXPANSION—John Flood reported that the construction is going well, though a little behind schedule. Mr. Flood said concrete will be poured soon. Flood is also going to ask the architects for a time line to be put in the Atrium for the public to view. Mr. Marcell asked if there could be updates every three months in the local newspaper. Mr. Maloney said we currently have an ad in the Sentinel where updates on construction could be included.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2009 Budget Proposal—Resolution L2009-02 Adoption of the 2009 Operating Budget. Mr. Marcell moved and Ms. Heist seconded approving the budget. There was a unanimously favorable roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. L2009-01—Election of Officers for Year 2009-- Mr. Flood moved and Mayor Perillo seconded the following slate of officers for the 2009 Board of Trustees:
President—Ed Price; Vice President—John Flood; Treasurer—Fred Marcell; Secretary—Karen Heist.
There was unanimous approval with a roll call vote.

B. L2009-03—Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Legal Services

Karen Heist moved and Dr. Taylor seconded renewing the contract of Steven Barse for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the year. The motion passed with a unanimously favorable roll call vote. It was decided to advertise for legal services next year in hopes of receiving quotes to compare.

C. L2009-04 Authorizing the Award of Non-fair and Open Contracts, Purchase of Library Materials for 2009—Mr. Flood moved and Mr. Marcell seconded approving the Resolution, which passed with a unanimously favorable roll call vote. The Board wishes to continue investigation of using an RFP for different library services. A schedule will be put together for the next meeting.

D. Miscellaneous New Business—Dr. Taylor invited the Board to attend two ribbon cutting ceremonies for the upgraded TV and Video Project, which the Board helped to fund. On January 28 at 5:15pm, there will be a ceremony at the Ocean City High School, and on February 9 at 4pm, there will be a similar ceremony at the Intermediate School. Mr. Maloney has contacted Steve Barse, Library Attorney, concerning using a conference call at Board meetings so that out of town members could participate in the meetings. Barse stressed making sure that telephone equipment be adequate for this purpose. Mayor Perillo suggested using City Hall for the next meeting. Mayor Perillo inquired about giving older magazines to the Fitness and Aquatic Center. Director Maloney commended Barbara Weber, outgoing President of the Friends and Volunteers, for her eight years of outstanding service to the Friends, the Library, and to the Community in general. It was decided to have proclamations for Sue Faverzani, Sue Hafsrud, and Barbara Weber to recognize their service to the Ocean City Library

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Flood moved and Fred Marcell seconded going into Closed Session at 6:05 pm. There was unanimous approval. Motion to return to regular session was made at 6:55 pm by John Flood and seconded by Nancy Watson with all in favor. Mayor Perillo moved and Karen Heist seconded to award a \$750 bonus for Director Maloney in recognition of his hard work during the construction project. Mayor Perillo suggested that Mr. Maloney and his full-time staff prepare a list of goals and objectives for the year 2009. Mr. Flood moved and Dr. Taylor seconded adjourning the meeting at 7pm. There was unanimous approval. Mr. Price will notify Mr. Maloney as to the location of the next Board Meeting.