

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—March 9, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Price called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Ed Price, President; Karen Heist, Secretary; Nancy Wattson; Dr. Joanne Walls, representing Dr. Kathleen Taylor; Jim Rutala, representing Mayor Perillo; John Flood, Vice President and Fred Marcell, Treasurer (via telephone conference call).
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney, Leslie Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Rutala moved and Nancy Wattson seconded the approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimously favorable vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Price noted that Treasurer Marcell had discussed the Treasurer's Report with Director Maloney and himself prior to the Board meeting. He then reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. Mr. Marcell moved and Karen Heist seconded paying the bills on the list. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: At this time President Price read a proclamation unanimously approved by the Board to honor Barbara Weber, who served for many years as the President of the Friends and Volunteers organization of the Ocean City Free Public Library. He then waived his customary report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney reported that he has received 25 resumes for the vacant Network Administrator position and intends to interview six of the applicants. The Ocean City Board of Education approved the use of their two computer labs by the library for the purpose of computer courses during the months of July and August. Director Maloney has contacted a teacher who would be interested in the instructor position for the workshops. Maloney encouraged new members to attend The NJ Trustee workshop, which will be held Saturday, May 9th from 8 am to 5 pm. The sponsor of the legislation that was intended to cut library funding (A 3753) met with members of NJLA and has said that he has no plans to move forward with the bill. John Flood remarked that local legislators do not support the legislation. Director Maloney finished his report mentioning increase usage of the library and the annex and the successful programming done there.

COMMUNICATIONS: Director Maloney received a letter from the State Librarian requesting additional documentation in order to return money to the taxpayers.

BUILDING EXPANSION—John Flood reported that the contractor will begin erecting steel on the South side of the building. The work is progressing according to schedule. Minutes are available of the construction meetings, and there have been updates in the email newsletter, website, and in local newspapers. Ed Price and Director Maloney have met with the furniture consultant. The "Topping Off" ceremony when the last piece of steel will be put on the library side will take place sometime in April.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: President Rosemarie Ricci announced that the Spring Author Tea will be held May 7 at 2pm at the Flanders Hotel, and that Mary Fran Bontempo will be the featured author. Tickets will be \$20. The Read Across America celebration at the O.C. Primary School was rescheduled due to a snow storm. The new date is March 11, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Organization Goals and Objectives Special Workshop—President Price asked members to look at their schedules and email the best dates for a May workshop meeting, which will concern goals and objectives. There is a possibility that the May Board meeting could be used for this purpose as long as all reports were waived and regular business was abbreviated. Two hours should be set aside for this important discussion. Members could email their ideas to President Price ahead of time. A committee consisting of Mr. Price, Nancy Wattson, and Fred Marcell is examining the Board's bylaws. Mr. Flood

asked whether Alan Burger could be contacted to act as a consultant for the Board's goals and objectives workshop. Director Maloney will contact Mr. Burger and report on this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. L2009-08-- a Proclamation Honoring Barbara Weber—(Read during the President's Report)
- B. L2009-09—a Proclamation Honoring Susan Hafsrud (postponed to a future meeting)
- C. L2009-10—a Proclamation Honoring Susan Sheppard Faverzani (postponed to a future meeting)
- D. L2009-11-- a Resolution Opposing Introduced New Jersey State Legislation A3753 to Reduce the Minimum Funding Level of Municipal Libraries from 1/3 mil to 1/6 mil of Equalized Assessed Valuation –Nancy Wattson moved and Fred Marcell seconded to approve the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Price-yes; Wattson-yes; Marcell-yes; Flood-yes; Walls-yes; Heist-yes; Rutala-abstained.
- E. Funding Requests--Dr. Walls presented five funding requests from Dr. Taylor, Superintendent of Ocean City Schools. President Price will review these and discuss them with Dr. Taylor. Mr. Rutala suggested that the library advertise on the city's trolley, and discussed the pricing of different advertising options. Mr. Marcell requested that Director Maloney estimate how advertising money will be spent out of the current budget (eg. brochures, newspaper ads, etc.). President Price will meet with Maloney and Mike Dattilo to discuss feasibility of advertising the library on the trolley.
- F. Electronic waste recycling—The City has scheduled April 25, 2009 for another electronic recycling day. Karen Heist moved and Nancy Wattson seconded for the library to contribute to the cost of the recycling day. The motion was subsequently withdrawn. It was decided to have a proposal to do with advertising at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hess: Voiced his concerns about the continuing roof leaks and asked whether the expansion and renovation project included fixing the roof leaks.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy Wattson moved and Karen Heist seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. All agreed.