

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—July 13, 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; John Flood, Vice President; Fred Marcell, Treasurer; Karen Heist, Secretary; Nancy Wattson; Dr. Kathleen Taylor, Superintendent of Schools; Jim Rutala, City Administrator, for Mayor Perillo
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney, Leslie Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Flood moved and Nancy Wattson seconded the approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimously favorable vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Marcell reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. John Flood moved and Dr. Taylor seconded paying the bills on the list. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken. President Price pointed out that every month a bill in the Treasurer's name is listed on the unpaid bill list. This money is used for the replenishment of petty cash.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Price reported that sample meeting room policies were emailed to John Flood, Fred Marcell, and himself. He requested that these policies be sent to all Board members. He then related the recent difficulties with the HVAC system at the library, which have prompted Roger Rinck of the city's Planning and Engineering department to look into getting special computer software. This software will alert him of any problems the HVAC system is experiencing. Mr. Price complimented Mr. Rinck's work of overseeing the construction project and thanked Mr. Jim Hess for utilizing his construction experience to help identify things in the project needing attention. Mr. Price announced his receipt of a letter from library auditor Ford, Scott, Seidenberg concerning their services. He stated that next year the library will send out an RFP to prospective auditors and stressed that the library need not take the lowest bid.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney reported that library circulation is up from last June. He also highlighted a piece in the Philadelphia Magazine Best of the Shore June 2009 issue that mentioned our library as a good place for Ocean City visitors to go on a rainy day. Director Maloney and Assistant Director Clarke spoke of the success of the children's programs being held at the Music Pier. The first program had an audience of three hundred parents and children. Maloney also stated that customers were very happy with our free wireless internet access service at both the Main Library and the Annex.

COMMUNICATIONS: NA.

BUILDING EXPANSION—John Flood reported on the work being done on both sides of the building. Brick work on the library side has begun. Data, Telephone and Security plans have been completed. He invited the Board to go on a tour of the addition with Roger Rinck.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: President Rosemarie Ricci reported that flyers for the Autumn Author Luncheon will soon be available. The luncheon will be held on October 8, 2009, at the Flanders Hotel at 11:30 am. Tickets will be \$30 each and the speaker will be author Lisa Scottoline. Both Director Maloney and President Price will be invited to speak at the event. Every attendee will receive a copy of the author's most recent book.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Historical Museum—there are still questions about the feasibility of granting this request. Mr. Flood distributed a projection of the Library's prospective finances up to the year 2017. This financial analysis included the cost of the construction project, the prospective city appropriations, and the basic operating expenses of the library. The Board thanked Mr. Flood for the financial analysis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Emergency Management—Mr. Price, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Marcell met as a committee to review some smaller funding requests. Ocean City Emergency Management requested \$5,104.66 for the printing of 20,000 copies of a Coastal Storm preparedness guide. Karen Heist moved and Nancy Wattson seconded granting the request. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.
- B. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Arts Center—this request was for \$2,000 to pay for a poetry program presented by the Arts Center. Mark Doty will be the poet. A suggestion was put forward to host the event at the Ocean City High School. Dr. Taylor moved and Fred Marcell seconded granting the request. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.
- C. Outreach Funding Request: First Fright—Joan Hoffman requested \$1,500 for this Halloween program for children. Assistant Director Clarke will help to coordinate the book swap. Dr. Taylor moved and Karen Heist seconded granting the request. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

After the consideration of these funding requests, there was a suggestion by President Price of having a threshold for the amount organizations could request from the Outreach Funding Request committee. Large requests could be made only once a year. Nancy Wattson asked if the rest of the Board could look at funding requests before the regular monthly meeting. The Board discussed having a special “Black Tie” affair the evening before the Grand Opening of the new addition.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hess commended Chris Maloney on his performance as Director. He said the roof should go on the addition soon so that there would be no water damage. He also commented that pedestrians and bicyclists should be aware of laws pertaining to them.

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Taylor moved and Nancy Wattson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. All agreed.