

Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2011
6:30 P.M.

Board Members physically present for roll call: Arndt, Bovard, Harden, Fearday, Reimers, Topel, Wiethop, and Wise. Also present: Director Amanda McKay. Absent: Latta.

Public Comment: none

Omnibus Agenda: McKay pointed out that the Office Supply expenditures are already over 13% for the month and she is considering alternate solutions for printing. Motion to approve by Arndt, seconded by Fearday. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Action Items: Passed Prevailing Wage Ordinance, motion to approve by Wiethop, seconded by Reimers. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.
Passed Building and Maintenance Levy Ordinance. Discussion was held concerning the use of the .02% Ordinance. The monies are “sustaining revenue” and must be spent on building and maintenance. Motion to approve by Arndt, seconded by Wise. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Recess into Executive Session for the purpose of review and release of Executive Session Minutes at 6:40 P.M. Motion by Topel, seconded by Reimers. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Returned from Executive Session at 6:44 P.M.

Motion to approve the review and release of the sections of the Executive Session Minutes that pertain to the building project by Arndt, seconded by Reimers. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Approved FY 2011 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR), motion by Arndt, seconded by Reimers. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Discussion Items: *Innovative library building projects.* McKay presented a video highlighting the Poplar Creek Public Library District in Streamwood, IL as an innovative library building project. Two outstanding points of the project were the color-coded areas to define spaces and the energy-efficient design that resulted in the library being named a “Landmark Library.” A discussion followed about design ideas for the new library building.

Fundraising Committee. It was agreed that the library staff and board members will spearhead the Fundraising Committee. Arndt, Bovard, Fearday, and Reimers volunteered to be on the committee. Ideas such as hosting a Gala and having a “Buy-A-Paver”

project were discussed. McKay said that she is writing for a Kobaltdt Grant of \$80,000 to finance a computer training lab in the new facility. Another project considered was a "Young Entrepreneurs' Resource Center." McKay said the library has received funding for a similar project in the past and will revisit the idea.

Strategic plan update. The Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for July 16, 8 A.M. at a location to be decided. McKay said Jan Ison has experience with this and will tailor the retreat to our needs.

Power Outage Procedures. The library recently had a few power outages and McKay recounted the experiences and explained new procedures and the reasoning behind the new practice.

Summer Read update. The annual program is going well. McKay reported in the 0-to-18-year old group that 917 youth had signed up. The adult group exceeded the goal with 204 participants.

Library System Change. State library systems are merging and all libraries south of I-74 will become one system. Beginning July 1, Helen Matthes will become part of the Illinois Heartland System, and it will be based in Effingham. The interlibrary loan system will remain the same and our library will have access to an extended amount of resources at the beginning of the coming fiscal year.

Other. McKay clarified that the General Fund can be rolled over. She also said the library has \$500,000 earmarked for the new building in the Special Reserve Fund from previous donations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M. Motion by Arndt, seconded by Fearday. Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Wise, secretary.