

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The Board of Trustees of the Wheaton Public Library held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010, in the Library Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Colleen McLaughlin. Members present at roll call were: Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Kienzle, Mr. Kyle, Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Redlich and Mrs. Slater. Absent: Mrs. Honeywell, who did, however, enter the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Sarah Meisels, Library Director, and Mrs. Carolyn DeAre, Assistant Library Director, were also present. Ms. McLaughlin appointed Mr. Redlich Secretary Pro Tem.

II. Citizens to be Heard: None

III. Minutes of the February 15, 2010 Board Meeting: Mrs. Kienzle moved and Mrs. Peterson seconded that the minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 15, 2010 be approved.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Armstrong
Mrs. Kienzle
Mr. Kyle
Ms. McLaughlin
Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Redlich
Mrs. Slater

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Honeywell

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. Treasurer's Report for February 2010 and Bill Listing for March 2010 Payment: Mrs. Slater moved and Mrs. Peterson seconded that the Treasurer's Report for February 2010 and the Bill Listing for March 2010, including the supplemental bill listing, be approved.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Armstrong
Mrs. Kienzle
Mr. Kyle
Ms. McLaughlin
Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Redlich
Mrs. Slater

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Honeywell

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Library Director's Report for February 2010: We had a good circulation of 96,801 items for a short month, with a gate count of 46,248. Because of the bad weather some of the services that people can do remotely showed large increases. Reference jumped 5%, with the increase coming over the

telephone, and reference database searches on the web increased 9%. However, the housebound did come out for library programs: 120 moviegoers came to see "The Proposal," which we co-sponsored with the Park District on the 16th; and 120 spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon listening to "Golden Songs of the Silver Screen," sponsored by the Friends. The Book Discussion sessions were also well attended. Eileen Stewart offered 7 classes attended by 65 in the 2nd floor computer room. Storytime attendance was 944 (3 weeks) in 63 sessions. Reading with Rover was offered on Saturdays, and attendance for the month was 67. The 23rd season of Battle of the Books continued with 16 schools playing in 17 meets; total attendance: 1,078. The Children's Department also offered 2 movie sessions, and on the 8th, 14 children ages 2-5 listened to a nature-themed story presented by a naturalist from Lincoln Marsh and a craft; the topic was owls.

- VI. Communications: None. Ms. McLaughlin mentioned that we had recently had good write-ups about our Snapshot Day Survey in the newspapers, specifically the Tribune and the Herald.
- VII. Friends of the Library Report: Carolyn DeAre handed out the one-page statistical summary from Snapshot Day. Various Friends of the Library had presented the statistics at the March 1, 2010 City Council meeting. They were very good presenters.
- VIII. Unfinished Business:
- A. Building Update: Mrs. Meisels mentioned that Sylvania has been coming out several times a year at no charge to replace bad ballasts in the tray lights. It is a continuing problem with the fixtures, and they take responsibility for it, but no one seems to know what the underlying cause is. Also, with the big snow melt on the roof, we are getting two damp tiles in the ceiling of the 2nd floor addition once again. Bulley & Andrews has been here several times to do caulking of suspected areas, but occasionally to everyone's dismay, we still get the damp tiles.
- IX. New Business:
- A. R-01-10: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Closed Session Minutes: (Adopt Resolution): Mr. Redlich moved and Mrs. Slater seconded to adopt the following Resolution R-01-10:

RESOLUTION R-01-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

WHEREAS, 5ILCS/120 2.06 (d) provides that minutes of closed sessions should be made public once a public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interests or the privacy of an individual by keeping the minutes confidential; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees, in open session, reviewed the minutes of past closed sessions currently kept in a closed file; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees has determined that a need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment "A" to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Public Library Board of Trustees has further determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to the review session minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment "B" to this resolution and that these minutes should be made available for public inspection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Library Board of Trustees of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that the Library Director is hereby directed to place the following closed session minutes in an open file: Monday, July 20, 2009, 8:32 p.m., as listed on Attachment "B" to this resolution.

ADOPTED this 15th day of March, 2010.

Library Board President

ATTEST:

Secretary

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

ATTACHMENT "A" – RESOLUTION R-01-10

(Minutes Not to be Released)

Monday, March 21, 2005, 8:40 p.m.

Monday, January 16, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 19, 2006, 8:20 p.m.

ATTACHMENT "B" – RESOLUTION R-01-10

(Minutes to be Released)

Monday, July 18, 2005, 9:11 p.m.

Monday, July 17, 2006, 8:26 p.m.

Monday, January 15, 2007, 8:08 p.m.

Monday, July 16, 2007, 8:17 p.m.

Monday, January 21, 2008, 8:31 p.m.

Monday, July 21, 2008, 8:17 p.m.

Monday, January 19, 2009, 7:56 p.m.

Monday, July 20, 2009, 8:32 p.m.

- B. Letter to Secretary of State Jesse White in Regard to Per Capita Grant: The Board members read a letter to Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White thanking him for his efforts in funding the 2010 Library Per Capita Grants and approved it. Ms. McLaughlin signed the letter. This year the Library has received \$56,585.28, which is less than previous years. However, the Secretary had to use federal LSTA funds for the grants, since the State of Illinois is in financial trouble.
- C. FY 2010-2011 Budget Issues and Follow-Up: Library Board members thought that the Friends who spoke at the March 1, 2010 Meeting of the City Council, under Citizens to be Heard, made very good presentations. A number of general members of the public also spoke. Mrs. Meisels said she wanted to clarify issues concerning the library's old tax rate set by a referendum back on March 1, 1969, and subsequent home rule issues.

The March 1, 1969 ballot read: "Ballot for voting on the question of whether the annual Library tax for maintenance and operation in the City of Wheaton be increased from .12% of the full, fair cash value of all the taxable property in the City to .20% of such value." And that was the wording of the Question on the ballot. The referendum passed. Subsequently the Illinois Library Law changed. It now reads, "If the annual public library tax rate of an established library was increased above .12% up to .20% prior to 1972 as provided in this Act, the corporate authorities shall then levy up to an additional .03% above the increased rate approved at the election." The Wheaton Public Library falls into this category. However, home rule legislation came along, and since then, the City of Wheaton has not felt bound to observe the Library's old referendum-approved tax rate. However, Mrs. Meisels said, there are several points to be made:

1. Many municipalities have continued to observe their library's referendum-approved tax rate even after home rule; some do and some do not.
2. The Library's old referendum-approved tax rate and the Illinois Library Law provision quoted above are strictly for "maintenance and operation." Nothing on either one refers to building bonds, which are a separate issue. The Wheaton Public Library's building bonds are a City obligation, just like the bonds to build fire departments, police departments and public works buildings.

At this point, Mrs. Honeywell entered the meeting.

Unless the date has been changed, Mrs. Meisels stated that the Library's budget workshop at City Hall is scheduled for April 17th, a Saturday, at 9:00 a.m.

- D. Round the Table: Mr. Armstrong stated that proposed budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year will require that the Library reduce opening hours and that staff will be required to take unpaid furlough days for a reduction of 10% in pay. The public may be upset that the Library will be closed, and he believes it is the Library Board's responsibility to make people aware of the facts. We are not going around the Council on these issues; we have been speaking to Council about these issues, and we have a duty to keep the public informed. A number of communities are in similar situations. In Des Moines, Mrs. Honeywell stated, which is her home town, the City is threatening to close a branch.

Mrs. DeAre called attention to the February 2010 issue of the "Review of the DuPage County Genealogical Society." The cover features the Wheaton Library's genealogy department; a number of photographs of it appear.

- X. Adjournment: There being no further business of the Library Board of Trustees, Mr. Armstrong moved and Mr. Kyle seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Mr. Armstrong
Mrs. Honeywell
Mrs. Kienzle
Mr. Kyle
Ms. McLaughlin
Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Redlich
Mrs. Slater

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried Unanimously at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Redlich, Secretary Pro Tem