

Tri-Township Public Library District
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2000 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call and Public Input President Harley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Trustees present include Harley, Hampsten, Little, Huck, Merz and Abell. Trustee Dothager was absent. Director Walker and Gene Barnard from Troy's newspaper were also present.

B. Reading of Minutes Motion by Merz, second by Hampsten to approve minutes of the July meeting with several minor changes. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

C. Treasurer's Report & Bill List Minor changes noted to bill list, including additions of \$250 for storyteller and Treehouse Wildlife at the reading program ending party, \$25 for Director Walker's car mileage and changes in estimated expenses. The bill list also includes a mortgage payment, the fifth in 20 annual installments on the building, which is a month early to save interest expense. Motion by Hampsten, second by Merz to approve bill list as amended. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer Huck's report noted the receipt of \$15,324.84 in real estate taxes, with the majority to be received later in August. No donations were received.

D. Librarian's Report Circulation figures for July not yet available. Patron cards processed were estimated at 57 (42 new, 15 replacement); 320 items (220 books/100 periodicals) were estimated to be processed. Big news was the program end party held on July 27 at the Great Skate in Troy. 80 children and parents attended. No items for board action.

E. Overdue Report Did not go after overdues due to conference, but did send out two reminder postcards on July 29.

F. Committee Reports FOTTL still quilting, last book sale received over \$200. LCLS held an appreciation dinner for Mrs. Merz' end of term. She said it "was lovely."

6. Communications Walker received a letter from LCLS honoring Mrs. Merz' term expiring, and stated what a fabulous job she did. Huck had some junk mail from a credit card company and Sam's Club.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Logo Contest: Walker reported receiving five designs from one individual. They will be displayed until next meeting so patrons can vote and the board decides on any change.
- B. Flag Pole Lights/New Flags: Huck contacted Illinois Power, and they suggested using the current center parking lot lamp. Repairs are in progress. Harley contacted State Rep. Ron Stephens' office, and he agreed to donate a U.S. flag and a state flag in return for a photo op, as it is election time.
- C. Audit of Secretary's Book: Little mentioned two items that she did not have; Abell said he would check in his office files. Abell and Hampsten are to audit the book on Monday at 7 p.m.
- D. Personnel Manual: Tabled due to the reference copy not updated.

8. New Business

- A. **Building & Equipment Fund Appropriation Ordinance (#00/01-1)**
Discussion included secretary's legal name and updating the number of registered voters in the district. Motion by Merz, second by Huck to approve with necessary changes. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Board** reviewed Appropriations Ordinance for action at a later board meeting.
- C. **Fund raising** Discussed ways to increase fund raising activities, including an auction (as Genealogy Society is not holding one) but noted competing auctions from Kiwanis Club and Chamber. Other ideas included promoting leasing out the Community Room more often. Huck raised the idea of including more annexations as the Troy area grows, specifically land near the Truck Centers by the interstate. Huck said she would obtain an official map of the district from the county, as there has been some confusion as to who resides in the district. It is impossible to tell by ZIP codes, phone prefixes or address. Hampsten noted increasing the district was originally a priority when he became president, but felt the library

had become a "laughingstock" due to the infighting. He noted (as did Mr. Barnard) the progress the library has made in this area.

9. **Announcements** Little stated she would assess her secretarial duties on a monthly basis due to her injuries. Harley said the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:15 p.m. to allow for a public hearing on the budget at 7 o'clock that night.
10. **Adjournment** With no further business, the board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.