

Tri-Township Public Library District
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2000 7:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call and Public Input President Harley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Trustees present include Harley, Hampsten, Dothager, Huck, Merz and Abell. Trustee Little was absent. Director Walker, 1 citizen and Gene Barnard from Troy's newspaper were also present.
- B. Reading of Minutes Motion by Merz, second by Huck to approve minutes of the September meeting. All in favor, motion carried 6-0. Motion by Hampsten, second by Dothager to approve minutes from November meeting. 5 in favor, Abell abstained motion carried 5-0-1.
- C. Treasurer's Report & Bill List Motion by Dothager, second by Hampsten, to approve bill list. All in favor, motion carried 6-0. Treasurer Huck noted the receipt of \$1,650 in donations.

Librarian's Report Circulation figures for November: 5,914 compared to 6,326 for 1999. 47 patron cards processed (34 new, 10 replace, 2 district and 1 six-month). Items processed were 344 (229 books and 115 magazines). 40 children at Kids Corner, attendance at Story Hour is down to only 1 or 2.

Walker asked the board to close the library on December 25 and 26 as well as January 1 and 2 due to holidays (Christmas Eve and New Years Eve) falling on the weekend and the LCLS computer system being shutdown on January 2 for year-end maintenance. Also, to close early (2 p.m.) on Dec. 23 and 30 for the holidays. Motion by Abell, second by Merz; all in favor, 6-0.

Walker presented one bid from Louis Simpson of Specialty Lawn Care for \$85 per push including sidewalks, salt @ 25 c per lb. and ice melt @ 44 c per lb. Motion by Hampsten, second by Abell; all in favor, 6-0.

E. Overdue Report Did not go after overdues due to staff training, 3 post cards sent with two items returned.

F. Committee Reports FOTTTL still quilting, last book sale was fair. Joyce Hill will replace Nita Gulley as FOTTTL president sometime soon. Lunch with Santa had 85 in attendance (56 children), and raised \$363.74 (with Abell's \$100 donation).

G. Communications IMRF rate will be 8.69%; Harley will cast vote for IMRF Executive on board's behalf; Walker received certificate for helping with the 2000 Census.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Carpet: Karen's brother-in-law wrote on legal paper a bid of \$300 To replace a total of 240 s.f. of worn carpeting near internet table. He is busy with houses, so will do it at his convenience. Motion by Abell, second by Merz to award work; five in favor, Hampsten abstained; motion carried 5-0-1.

8. New Business

- A. Discuss Over Budget: Huck noted Roady said library would end up over budget \$18,000 in salaries at current pace. Discussion was held on how to alleviate the deficit. Cutting the number of staff present and shorter library hours were primary candidates. Hampsten noted he would rather find money elsewhere in budget than shorten library hours. Walker stated cutting hours on Saturday; Huck noted Fridays are slowest days. Huck added keeping Friday and Saturday hours the same to avoid confusion. Walker agreed only 2 staff are needed on Fridays and Saturdays. Motion by Merz, second by Abell to close library at 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (with only 2 staff present at any time either day) beginning January 1, 2001. Five in favor; Hampsten voted nay; motion carried 5-1.
- B. Will: It was announced the TTL and Highland City Library were beneficiaries in a deceased's will, to split \$160,000. However, the will is being contested. A motion was made to pass a resolution supplied by Attorney Eastman to initiate defense of the lawsuit. Eastman will be invited to attend January's meeting to discuss fees and updates. Motion by Abell, second by Huck; all in favor; motion carried 6-0.
- C. With Secretary Little's seat up for election, board moved to appoint Director Walker as petition collector. Motion by Abell, second by Merz; all in favor; motion carried 6-0.
- D. With the first Tuesday in January a library holiday, motion by Abell, second by Dothager to move the regular meeting to January 9, 2001, with proper publication of the move. All in favor; 6-0.

9. Announcements Hampsten noted as the potential lawsuit regarding the will may need to be discussed in closed session in the future.

10. Adjournment With no further business, the board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.