

Tri- Township Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Minutes
December 2, 2008

President Ashcraft opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
Roll Call: Buckingham, Elson, Huck, Lindsay, Little and Ashcraft.

Present from the public were Vicky Hart, Amanda Walker (from the Times –Tribune), Kathy Scheller and Norma Sidener.

Input of Agenda Items: Board – closed session.
Public – none.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Huck and seconded by Buckingham to approve the November 4th, 2008 regular minutes as presented.

Ayes: Buckingham, Elson, Huck, Lindsay, Little and Ashcraft.

A motion was made by Little and seconded by Huck to accept the November 4th, 2008 closed session minutes as presented.

Ayes: Buckingham, Elson, Huck, Lindsay, Little and Ashcraft.

Treasurer's Report: We have received two dollars and fifty-three cents from tax money. It was a partial mobile home payment. The finances are good. We have three hundred sixty three thousand, three hundred sixty two dollars and twenty cents in the General Fund and had budgeted three hundred forty one thousand, thirty three dollars.

Director's Report: Story Time has started up again this week, as our new Children's Librarian is up and running. Director is very pleased with her and glad to have a Children's Librarian again. Director has applied to attend the state sponsored "Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative. She will know if she has been accepted by the end of January. Thank you to Melanie Elson for sending a letter of support.

Ann Daum has resigned. She will be the Writing Expert at the SWIC Success Center (Granite City Campus) The Director hopes to have another part-time clerk hired for the beginning of January. She will advertise on the Troy-Maryville Chamber of Commerce web site, Times Tribune, and SIUE student job site.

FYI: director will not be here for February 3rd Board meeting.

Other issues are listed separately on the agenda.

Statistics are attached.

Director will celebrate her third anniversary with us this week.

Maintenance: The side door repairs are completed. The cost was less than fifty dollars. The electrician came and repaired the elevator light. ChemDry has not rescheduled so Leo will call them. Huck will call Terry Taake about snow removal to see if fee is the same as last year. Foley Chemical & Machine Co. of Caseyville has completed the waxing and polishing of the floors downstairs and will complete the upstairs later. The total cost was one thousand nine hundred ninety one dollars and sixty-four cents, as only one thousand five hundred dollars was approved by the Board we will have to approve the additional four hundred ninety- one dollars and sixty -four cents.

A motion was made by Lindsay and seconded by Elson to pay the additional four hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty- four cents.

Ayes: Buckingham, Elson, Huck, Lindsay, Little and Ashcraft.

Communications: IMRF standard mail.

Old Business: The new security system has been ordered. It will probably be in by January. Board vacancies: The Director checked with Charm from the Lewis & Clark Library System and clarified the vacancies. If the new trustee is approved tonight there will be time for their name to be put on the ballot for the April election. The cut-off is January and if approved next month, then would not be able to be put on the ballot. Each candidate needs fifty legitimate signatures to be on the ballot and if they are unable to collect enough signatures they can be reappointed in May to fill in the term until the next election, which is held every two years.

New Business: Director has earmarked the 07/08 Per Capita Grant for new furniture. She needs the board to vote to expend the remaining monies (ten thousand two hundred fifty- three dollars and twenty two cents) as specified in the grant.

A motion was made by Lindsay and seconded by Elson to spend the ten thousand two hundred fifty-three dollars and twenty two cents Per Capita money on new furniture.

Ayes: Buckingham, Elson, Huck, Lindsay, Little and Ashcraft.

A motion was made by Elson and seconded by Little to go into closed session for matters regarding employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of a specific employee.

We went into closed session at 7:33 p.m.

We returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

We did not have the materials to swear in the new trustee tonight, so we will swear her in next month at the beginning of the meeting.

There were no announcements so the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.