

WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for 9/9/09

Board Members Present: Nancy Dunn (President), Al Altschaeffl, Jeffrey Schwab, O.L. Siebenthal, Mark Davis, Linda Eales, Marybeth Miller and Library Director Nick Schenkel

Public Present: Jean Sullivan, Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm. The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. The minutes of the Aug. 12, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted. One point was clarified: disposal of old computers will take place after the hard drives are purged.
3. Treasurer's Report: The Claims were accepted as presented.
4. Public Hearing for 2010 Library budgets: the regular meeting was suspended at 7:00 pm and the public hearing was opened.

Background information was presented: Library Director Nick Schenkel, 3 board trustees, and 2 County Council members met for a fruitful discussion prior to the formal budget review, at which the County Council voted unanimously to approve the library budget as proposed. It was noted that the County Council views the parking garage as a key and integral component of the library and our role in the community.

The Director presented the proposed library budget for 2010 and a general discussion among the trustees ensued. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

5. Other Old Business:
 - a. The West Lafayette Public Library is now included in the listing of Evergreen Indiana Consortium members.
 - b. An itemized list of parking garage repairs was provided to the director by Carl Most and Sons. Repairs postponed from 2008 will be completed this fall at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The trustees wish to prepare a specific proposal for future garage repairs, and thus will request an update from Most and Sons after the 2008 repairs are completed. The trustees believe it is crucial that the garage repairs be brought up-to-date. Trustees will continue to discuss possible cooperation with the Redevelopment Commission to accomplish this goal.

- c. Director Nick Schenkel reported that work is continuing on the emergency plan.
6. New Business
- a. Director Nick Schenkel and Children's Librarian Pam Koehler proposed that 20% of the donation from the Iva Blagrave estate be used to improve the children's non-fiction collection over the next year. The trustees wholeheartedly approved this proposal.
 - b. The conference offered by the Gates Foundation will emphasize how to promote public computer use in the community. Director Nick Schenkel and Trustee Linda Eales will attend.
 - c. A reduction in janitorial service has commenced and cost savings should begin to be realized in October. It is hoped that a 20-25% reduction in janitorial-related maintenance expenses will eventually be realized. It was suggested that trustees monitor the library's cleanliness and report any concerns to the director.
 - d. Topics for future action: Trustee Altschaeffl proposed that a subset of trustees convene to develop criteria and set goals for achieving the library standards proposed by the Indiana State Library. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.
7. There being no comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marybeth Miller, Secretary