

Blue Island Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes from March 18, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Sklom.

2. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Sklom, Trustee Recker, Trustee Garetto, Trustee Carvlin, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Martino and Director Deiters.

Absent: Trustee Jennings, Trustee Rose and Trustee Camp.

Trustees were asked if they received their official blue card from the Mayor's Office. Trustees Carvlin, Garetto, and Martino never received their cards.

Director Deiters will ask the Mayor's Secretary to send these to the Trustees.

Terms expire for Trustees Martino, Recker, and Rose at the end of April.

Trustees Martino and Rose are interested in serving again. Trustee Recker is still undecided.

3. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests.

4. Reading of the Minutes: February 18, 2008

Everyone received the minutes before the meeting so reading them aloud was unnecessary. February minutes stated Trustees Rose and Sklom would not be at the March meeting – that was a mistake. Trustees Rose and Camp had announced they would miss the March meeting. A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Trustee Martino and seconded by Trustee Murphy.

5. Financial Report

The payables list was higher this month, due mostly to the annual EBSCO bill. After a short discussion on the specifics (Call One, EBSCO, UMOJA People, and World Book) of the payables list, a motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$56,773.10 was made by Trustee Recker and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll call was taken and the February payables list was approved by all.

Next was the presentation of the 2009/2010 Budget. The Trustees received electronic copies of the 2008/2009 -2009/2010 Budget comparisons to review before the meeting. The Board and Director discussed possible reimbursement from our insurance company from the Lorrie Randle case. The Board discussed the possibility of pursuing grants and working with a consultant on larger grants. There was a long discussion on working within the framework of a Long-Range Plan and the correct protocol for moneys with

regards to Building & Site improvements. Trustees Carvlin and Garetto asked about creating budget lines specifically for long-term building improvements. Trustee Recker asked about the use of local businesses if the need for off-site storage became necessary when renovating interior spaces. The motion was made to approve the 2009/2010 budget total of \$1,498,500.00 by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Martino. Roll call was taken and the 2009/2010 Budget was approved by all.

6. Director's Report

Director Deiters reported the still increasing circulation numbers, the ongoing issue of hiring a security guard, IMRF, Radio Disney, Staff In-Service, Mike Byrne, MLS Resource Sharing, shredding of old files, MVCC presence at the Library, and the Historical Society. Director Deiters stated that he had met with Mike Kaliski from the Blue Island Historical Society. Mr. Kaliski would like to continue to have a presence in the Library. This issue has been a point of contention for many years. The Board had a lengthy discussion about working with the Historical Society on creating a plan that could benefit both parties. The Board believes that the Historical Society needs to generate interest for the Museum by improving and adapting the displays. Director Deiters, along with the Managers and Historical Society representatives, will work on a plan that benefits both parties. The full Director's report was presented and is attached.

7. Committee Report

8. Unfinished Business

The Friends of the Blue Island Public Library are still looking for new members to reinvigorate the group. The Board spoke of a few ideas, including postings on the Library's TV and through the Forum, to locate interested patrons.

The Management Team would like to hire a part-time security monitor to assist Ms. Guzman in keeping the Library safe and inviting. Trustee Murphy asked that Director Deiters' continues to look at the cost options.

9. New Business

10. General Communications

An anonymous letter was left at the Circulation Desk on March 19 praising our computer and reference help, but also stating that the atmosphere in and around the first floor computers was becoming increasingly loud and disturbing. The Board briefly discussed some possible solutions to these issues.

11. Adjournment

The meeting of the Board of Trustees ended at 9:20 pm. Motion made by Trustee Rose and seconded by Trustee Martino.

Minutes prepared by Director Deiters

Secretary

President

Approved at the April 15, 2009 Board Meeting