

Blue Island Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes for November 19, 2008

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Sklom

2. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Julie Sklom, Perry Recker, Gloria Rose, Mary Martino, Kevin Murphy, Janet Garetto, and Director Jim Deiters.

Absent: Trustees Denise Jennings and Helene Camp

*Trustee Garretto had to leave the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm

3. Introduction of Guests

None

4. Reading of the Minutes from October 15, 2008 meeting

Everyone received the Minutes before the meeting and so reading them aloud was unnecessary. Trustee Rose motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Trustee Garetto.

5. Financial Report

A. Motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$97,785.46 was made by Trustee Recker and seconded by Trustee Martino...7 ayes, 2 absences.

B. Director Deiters updated the Board about moneys received thus far from the 2007 Cook County Property Taxes.

C. Question about the \$6,195.36 in payroll liabilities from last month – Director Deiters will ask the accountant and report at the December meeting.

6. Directors Report

A. Director Deiters is still investigating hiring off-duty Blue Island Police Offers to act as Security Monitors in the evenings.

B. Director Deiters received an estimate for installing a glass wall around the south and east staircase railing. Staff has long-worried about an accident due to the low railing. A decision has not been made at this time.

7. Committee Reports

None

8. Unfinished Business

A. A brief discussion was held regarding potential new Board members. Trustee Garretto's candidates did not work out. Trustee Murphy has someone in mind and will contact them.

B. Raises for 2009 were discussed at the October meeting. Much of the tax moneys have arrived and a 3% cost of living raise for staff was agreed upon.

9. New Business

A. Query into the temperature being set too high in the Children's Department by Trustee Sklom. Director Deiters will investigate.

B. Question of the number of computer users was brought up – our VAM system does keep statistics and Director Deiters will ask IT for this information.

10. General Communications

None

11. Executive Session

At 8:25 pm Trustee Rose moved and Trustee Murphy seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive session to discuss Director Deiters' six-month evaluation. At 8:45 pm Director Deiters' was brought back in and received his six-month review. The Executive Session ended at 9:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

At 9:01 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Martino.

Minutes prepared by Trustee Rose and Director Deiters

Secretary

President

Approved at December 17, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting