

PARK FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Park Forest Public Library Board of Trustees opened at 7:34 p.m. Those present were:

Park Forest Public Library Board Members: Fritz Wildermuth, Peg Donohue, Penny Shnay, Linda Marron, and Sevena Merchant.

Absent was: Joan Larsen

Park Forest Public Library Staff: Barbara Byrne Osuch, Sharon O'Leary, Mary VanSwol, and Renee Wick-Brink.

Other visitors: Dwight Floyd, Olympia Fields Library Board Member, and Robin Joyce.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mary VanSwol, of Adult Services, and Sharon O'Leary, of Youth Services, gave an overview of the Summer Reading Program. They discussed the theme of the program, the various activities that will take place, and the prize donations from the sponsors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2011, and were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Library Director Osuch presented the newly sworn in members of the Board a certificate from the Cook County Clerk.

Library Director Osuch presented a thank you note from the Beau Arts Ball committee of the Tall Grass Arts Association for the Library's support of their function.

Library Director Osuch presented a thank you from the children at Beacon Hill School for the program that the Library held for them. The thank you was handmade, and signed by the students.

President Shnay mentioned a letter that she received. It will be covered in executive session.

President Shnay noted that there were eight letters of interest in the open Library Board position.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Robin Joyce indicated that she was one of the persons interested in the Board vacancy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Shnay noted there would be a June 1 Will County tax payment.

Library Director Osuch noted that the Library is 83% through the fiscal year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Shnay noted the continuing Library landscaping that is being done.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Library Director Osuch noted the Flag Day celebration at the Library on June 17. The new flagpole, and surrounding decorations will be unveiled. There will be a parade, crafts, music and red white and blue snow cones will be served.

She announced the promotion of Myeshah Hollis to Library Assistant, and Grayson Stamm to IT Assistant. She also announced that Erin Hovis will be returning as a part time Library Assistant, and the addition of Fatima Yamout and Ron Korpas as pages.

Library Director Osuch also noted that a representative of the Illinois State Library toured the Library on May 2. He was doing his required visit for the Live and Learn Grant. He was very pleased with the results of the renovation, as well as the Youth Services furnishings purchased with the grant.

Library Director Osuch reported that she attended a recent Kiwanis meeting to talk about the renovation and the Summer Reading Program. They presented her with a \$200 check to be used in the children's area.

The Director will be meeting with John Joyce and Rob Gunther, of the Village of Park Forest, to discuss capital improvements for the exterior of the building.

The next theme of Art Work will be animals.

REPORT OF OLYMPIA FIELDS TRUSTEE

Trustee Dwight Floyd, of the Olympia Fields Public Library Board of Trustees, noted that he would become Treasures of the Board, and a new board member will be Carolyn Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

There were none

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE LIBRARY POLICY, 1ST READING

Trustee Merchant suggested that the reference to the Employee Assistant Program be change to show that the program is available through the Village of Park Forest.

NON-RESIDENT CARD RESOLUTION

Trustee Donohue moved that the Board approve the resolution to participate in the Public Library Non-Resident Services Act.

Trustee Merchant seconded

The motion was approved with a roll call vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

Sevena Merchant
Library Board of Trustees