

Revised
FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 12, 2014 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on February 12, 2014. Board President Scott Haugh presided and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Collin Barb Green
 Scott Haugh Jim Bielien
 Larry Pittsley

Members Absent: Judy Barney, Luke Beggin, Teresa Hines

Also present was Library Director Carole Dickerson and Library Supervisors Lois Rees, Pat Vorwald, and Anna Doyle.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Collin moved and Barb Green seconded to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Larry Pittsley moved and Barb Green seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dickerson told the board that February is Food for Fines month with one barrel already overflowing. She hopes to beat an older record of 1,000 pounds of food.

Director Dickerson also told the board about the Tenth Anniversary Lecture Series first program held on February 4, where she presented Steve Cole with the City's proclamation for Black History Month. Eighty people were in attendance. This Thursday, February 13, George Buss will be speaking on the re-election of 1864.

Director Dickerson sent flowers on behalf of the board to Maddy Greene's funeral. Mia Rudolph wants to donate a series of her paintings, the Viking Rabbits, to the library in Maddy's memory. Director Dickerson has taken them to be framed. Mia also proposed to Maddy's parents that some of Maddy's memorial money be used to purchase children's furniture.

FREEPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WORK AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Director Dickerson passed out copies of Freeport Township "I Earned It!" work and training program sheets for board consideration. She will ask Corporation Council Sarah Griffin to review the contract.

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PRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY MICHAEL PHILLIPS ON THE ILLINOIS CONCEALED CARRY STATUE AS IT AFFECTS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Michael Phillips summarized his findings on how concealed carry affects public libraries. Any building or parking lot under the control of city government should post Illinois state-issued signs. There is debate as to where the sign should be posted, but, for now, to post at the public entrances of the building. Attorney Phillips suggested training the library staff and developing a policy for staff to follow.

STAFF REPORTS

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald commented that, “January was all about the weather.” Many children were in the library when normally they would have been in school. During all those bad weather days our library was open to the public. As co-chair of OMNI Libraries, Supervisor Vorwald prepared for a January meeting that was canceled, but she has rescheduled for February 13. She told the board that she chaired her first RAILS Resource Selection Committee meeting on January 22. She attended a system-sponsored meeting in Sycamore on January 19. Federal tax forms have been put out in the library although she hasn’t received any Illinois forms yet.

Circulation Supervisor Lois Rees told the board that during the bad weather days, she gave her employees the option of whether or not to come to work or take a vacation day, and she appreciated those who came to work in spite of the cold temperatures and wind chills. The outreach program where books are delivered to homebound residents turns 40 years old in March 2014. Supervisor Rees is currently working with new interlibrary loan software. She also commented that circulation declined during the month of January.

Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle told the board of her Hunger Games Tournament where 14 children participated. She also held a photo scavenger hunt where 12 children either borrowed or brought their own cameras and took pictures of 20 items. She described the Secret Book Challenge where books are put in envelopes to check out without knowing what the book title is or its contents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Did not meet

Finance Committee: Did not meet

Building Committee: Did not meet

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

Director Dickerson handed out the budget summary sheet to board members and reviewed its content.

Jill Collin moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., and Larry Pittsley seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary