

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 11, 2012

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on January 11, 2011. Board President Barb Green presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Judy Barney Jill Collin
 Luke Beggin Barb Green
 Jim Bienlien Scott Haugh

Members Absent: Nicole Bauer, Betty Carroll

Also present were Library Director Carole Dickerson and Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Luke Beggin approved and Jim Bienlien seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Luke Beggin inquired about the completion of the website. The website will be paid for by the Eliminate the Digital Divide (EDD) Grant. Judy Barney moved and Luke Beggin seconded to accept the December 2011 Financial Report. Director Dickerson explained that a few line items were in the red due to complete software updates for all the computers.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Director Dickerson noted that the board had just met three weeks ago, and, as a consequence, she decided not to prepare a written report for January. Director Dickerson told the board that she has been asked to be on the membership committee for the Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to being a part of the committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald told the board that December had been a great month. There were lots of visitors in the building and so much going on with the Festival of Trees, Gingerbread Houses, and Santa visits. The digital items have been very popular, and she has had the opportunity to help several people with their NOOKS, Kindles, iPads, and other digital devices. Supervisor Vorwald went over the Computer Usage page that was included with her report. She believed that 2011 showed a decline in usage due to WIFI in the building, encouraging patrons to bring in their own computers.

In Supervisor At Large Jeanette Finkes's absence Director Dickerson passed around pictures from a Spa Night that the library sponsored for teenage girls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06 OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2(c)(21) OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CODIFIED AT 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Scott Haugh moved and Jill Collin seconded a motion to go into executive session. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

The open meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

Luke Beggin made the motion that the board approve the library director's restructuring plans, which reduces the number of library supervisors by one (the library supervisor-at-large), keeping the remaining four core supervisors (the Adult Services Supervisor, the Circulation Supervisor, the Technical Services Supervisor, and the Youth Services Supervisor), in their original job position descriptions. Scott Haugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

Scott Haugh made the motion that Gallery Café Proprietor Sandy Schubert be given a thirty-day notice that any future responsibility for the café is hers alone. Luke Beggin seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

President Green read a thank you letter received from the Salvation Army for the donation of books received as a result of the book drive.

Judy Barney told of her and husband Lance's Christmas Day visit to the Sleezer Home with their dog, Zack. Mr. Barney is a long-time Sleezer Home board member.

Director Dickerson passed around a brochure for the American History Speaker Series, which will begin on Tuesday, January 17.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Scott Haugh moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm and Judy Barney seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary