

WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Minutes

Of the Monday, March 15, 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the West Chester Public Library met on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the Meeting Room of the library. Howard Sundwall, president, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Betsy Beaugard, Victoria Dow, Phyllis Dunn, Tina Faccioli, Richard May, Courtney Stoll, Howard Sundwall, Peggy Wadsworth, Cathy Wilson, Susan Woodward.

Introduction:

H. Sundwall deferred the usual meeting procedures to allow guest, Peggy Wadsworth, Chester County Library System, to speak about the new Advocacy program. Peggy described the program which is trying to build a network of people throughout the county that support both their individual libraries and the libraries of the Chester County system. The official launch of the program will be on April 11, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. After reviewing the materials, Peggy presented each board member with 5 folders explaining the program. She asked that each board member distribute the folders to others so more will become involved in this newest initiative. Howard thanked Peggy for sharing the presentation with the board.

Minutes:

C. Wilson made the motion that the minutes of February 17, 2010 be approved and accepted as presented. P. Dunn seconded the motion. The Board accepted and approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

V. Dow reported on the current operating budget ending on February 28, 2010. She noted that the insurance can be paid on a quarterly basis. She explained that the difference of \$33,028.20 would be examined carefully and a more detailed explanation would be available soon.

President's Report:

H. Sundwall thanked B. Beaugard for presiding over the meetings in his absence. He also thanked the board for re-instating the officers.

Board members who attended West Chester's meeting for board and special committee members were B. Beaugard, P. Dunn, T. Faccioli, C. Stoll, H. Sundwall, and C. Wilson.

H. Sundwall announced that Pete Dalton has resigned from the board as of March 15, 2010. This position can be filled by a non borough resident. Howard will check with Damon Kletzien to see if he is still interested in becoming a member of the board.

R. May made the motion that P. Dalton be honored for his contributions and service to the board. After discussion, R. May made the motion that P. Dalton be awarded the title, Chairman Emeritus. B. Beaugard seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion. R. May also made the motion that in the by-laws the position of chairman of the board be eliminated. P. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion must go through a 30 day "rest" period before the board may act upon it. R. May also suggested that the library and/or board honor Pete and his years of service at some event in the future. Again, after discussion, it was decided that something would appear about Pete's service in the program at the Literacy Heroes breakfast and that later the board would honor Pete's dedication at a smaller gathering.

Committee Reports:

Township Action Plan:

P. Dunn passed out a mock-up of the book mark to raise awareness of each township's participation in the library's funding. More discussion followed on how to best to include this information on the book mark. Additional feedback about the design of the bookmark can be emailed to Phyllis' attention. She plans to rework the design and wording for the board's reconsideration,

Old Business:

Literacy Heroes Breakfast 2010:

H. Sundwall asked that all board members arrive promptly for the breakfast and reviewed the general program and order of events. V. Dow requested volunteers for different pre-breakfast activities and several board members were given specific assignments for the morning.

Adjournment:

H. Sundwall adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm to reconvene on April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the West Chester Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Faccioli
Board Secretary