

LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 6, 2002

Trustees present: Fulmer, Alessio, Ward, Dunstone, Spado and Berryhill.

Excused: Spadafore.

Staff: Nottingham, Director, and Morgan, Clerk to the Board.

Others: public (George Burnes), Edwin Acevedo, reporter for the Post Standard, and members of the staff.

Public Information Meeting

Before the regular meeting, a public information meeting was held to discuss the proposed operating budget for 2002/03. Fulmer called this meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

Regular Meeting

Call to order

President Fulmer called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Salutation to the United States Flag

Open Forum

- Dailey: book discussion program on March 11 as part of a county wide collaboration effort.
- P. Sprague: report on how busy circulation has been.

Agenda Changes

- addition of an Executive Session
- addition of Patron Code of Conduct Policy change

Andy Pappalardo from Clough, Harbour & Associates presented an update on the status of the proposed building project relative to the Tulip Street renovations.

Fulmer stated the need to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate issues. Ward moved and Berryhill seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose stated by Fulmer. All were in favor.

Dunstone moved and Spado seconded to leave executive session at 7:35 pm at which time the Board resumed its regular meeting. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 6, 2002, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of Monthly Bills for 2/7/02, 2/14/02, 2/20/02, and 2/28/02
- Spado moved and Dunstone seconded to approve the items under Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Reports to the Board

Treasurer's report

Dunstone reported on the library's financial status. The Board received copies of the December Revenue and Expenditure Report.

President's report

Fulmer asked that the Post Standard be notified about the library's purchase of the AED machine, the training of 16 staff members in the use of it, and the sponsorship received from the New York Heart Group.

Director's report

In addition to the written report:

- February's monthly statistical report showed an increase in circulation statistics
- website (www.nysed.gov) for the statement on the Governance role of a Trustee or Board Member presented by the Board of Regents.
- Library Link newsletter

OCPL & Advisory Board

Bert Schmidt, President of the OCPL Board resigned. He accepted a new job and will be relocating.

It was reported that the OCPL Board will not be making any decisions for the director position before mid March.

Items for discussion and action

Adoption of the 02/03 proposed budget

Spado moved and Ward seconded to adopt the proposed budget for 2002/03.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried

Coffee in the library

The vended coffee in the library is going very well and staff is eager to continue it.

Discussion followed regarding soft drinks and snacks.

Nottingham asked that rule #7 be deleted from the Patron Code of Conduct Policy. After further discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to leave this rule in the policy since it does state "specifically designated by the Library Director".

Nottingham asked the Board to approve an additional rule to the Patron Code of Conduct Policy regarding young children being left unattended in the Children's Room.

Discussion followed.

The Board unanimously approved for first reading the policy with the additional rule included.

Board Forum

- Ward informed the Board that Liverpool Elementary School is looking to build and enhance its playground and will be doing some fund raising to start the process. Ward, along with Linda Meyer, children's librarian, were readers at Longbranch Elementary. Longbranch is planning visits to the library as well as to other places in the Village.
- Spado commented about a library in Charlotte, North Carolina he visited that has "quiet zones". Discussion followed.
- Dunstone mentioned a new library in Clinton, New Jersey.

Adjournment

Ward moved and Spado seconded the Board adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Fulmer adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Morgan
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Public Hearing, April 3 at 7:00 pm in CCR followed by the Regular Board Meeting.