

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

Trustees present: Spadafore, Dunstone, Dodge, Scavone, and Ward.

Alessio arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Excused: Spado

Staff: Polly, Director and Morgan, Clerk to the Board

Others: Staff, M. Toscano, President of the Friends of the Library, and G. Howe, Vice-President, Pat Swanson, Past-President of the Friends of the Library.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to order

President Spadafore called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Salute to the United States Flag.

C. Correspondence (NYLA reports) circulated amongst the Board.

D. No Agenda Change

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of October 7, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Monthly Bills for October.
3. Transfers as submitted

Scavone made a motion and Ward seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

F. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. Friends report: President Toscano

- Reported that plans are underway for the Holiday Shopping and Buy Local Weekend December 5th and 6th.
- The Arts Alive Concert Series began on October 4.
- G. Howe reported on Connection Café meetings that are held on the third Wednesday of each month. On December 16 those in attendance will be making their own holiday wreaths.
- On behalf of the Friends, Polly asked about the feasibility of have a wine tasting event as a fundraiser at the library as part of the Holiday Extravaganza weekend or at some other future event. Discussion followed. The Board was in consensus that Polly should do further research on the issue and report back.

2. Staff report: Jill Youngs and Sue Bell reported on their attendance at NYLA's Annual Conference in Niagara Falls in October, 2009.

3. Treasurer's report.

The Board received copies of the October 29, 2009 Expenditure and Revenue Reports. Dunstone reported on the library's financial status.

4. President's report: Spadafore appreciates the circumstances that arise at the circulation desk between the library and the patron when there is a discrepancy concerning a non-returned item. He was involved in a similar situation and apologized upon finding a book in question and returning it to the library.

5. Director's report: In addition to the written report

- Recipients of the Dolores Turcotte (DT) Award to Yvette Hewitt; Merit Awards to Annette Friedrichs, Cheryl Cornell and Alan Napier; Performance Award to Tony Veri.

The Award Ceremony will also include honorable mention recognition to those who were nominated.

- The library is in receipt of two claim forms from OCPL for the library's portion of the 2009 New York State Local Library Services Aid Payment equaling \$37, 501.00.
- The offer of land for sale that was mentioned at the Board Meeting in October (discussed in Executive Session, as it was a legal matter) was researched and the property is not in the Liverpool Central School District.
- In September, the trustees nominated George Alessio for the Onondaga County Public Library Trustee of the Year Award. Alessio, who was unaware of the nomination until this moment, thanked the Board for the honor.

6. OCPL/Advisory Board Meeting

No report. The consensus of the Board was to appoint Marlene Ward as its representative at future meetings. Adria Ripka, President of the Advisory Council, will be notified of the appointment.

Items for Discussion and Action

1. Budget 2010-2011: discussion of the Board's budget goals, considerations, and recommendations were presented to the Director. The Board asked to see a variety of budgets showing expenditure increases of zero, one, and two percent.

2. Step Repair

The contracts have been signed between the library and Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc.

3. Systems Librarian position

Ward made a motion and Dodge seconded to approve the Systems Librarian position. Discussion followed regarding the duties of the position. Civil Service has already created the position for the library. All were in favor.

H. Open Forum

- President Toscano remarked on how nice the artwork looked on the walls in the CCR. Students at Elmcrest Elementary School created the artwork. Deb Dahlin is the art teacher.
- The Board asked when the Media Bank would be operational.

I. Board Forum

- Dodge thanked Polly for informing the Board of all legal documents received from the library's attorney, including the most recent on searches of personal property. The Board was in agreement.
- Dunstone reported that a library in New Jersey where his grandson goes not only does not have very many children's books, but also because the family is in a different township, the cost for a library card is \$90.00 per year.

J. Adjournment

Scavone moved and Dodge seconded to adjourn the meeting. Spadafore adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Morgan
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

COMMUNITY COMMENT AND REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2009.