

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Hazel Park Memorial (HPDL) Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Sandra Pond, President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Sandra Pond, President
Tim Wright, Vice President
Linda Zeiss, Secretary
Ed Bullock
Charles Hemple
Barbara Winter
Irene Zagar
Corrine Stocker, Library Director

IN THE AUDIENCE: Christine Snyder, Lugh Snyder, Linda Sims, Brad Gurgul

CONVOCAATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ed Bullock made a motion to add an evaluation of Library Director Corrine Stocker to the agenda; Charles Hemple supported the motion. Ed Bullock made a motion approve the agenda with additions; Charles Hemple supported the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0.

The Board went to a different room to hold a closed “executive session” to discuss Corrine Stocker’s evaluation. At 7:30, they called Corrine Stocker into the room and she requested that her evaluation be presented publicly. The Board then returned to City Council Chambers with Corrine Stocker. Sandy Pond said that the Board received some complaints that Corrine Stocker was overheard making disparaging comments about current and past Board members at a public meeting; when presented with the allegation, Stocker vehemently denied the accusation and stated that she would continue to represent the library in a professional manner and ethical manner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chuck Hemple made a motion to “receive and file” the minutes for the 2/23/2015 meeting; Ed Bullock supported the motion. The motion was approved, 7-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

NOTE: A COMPLETE NARRATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT IS ATTACHED.

The Director placed the following monthly documents in each Board member's packet:

- February, 2015 and March, 2015 Circulation Reports
- February, 2015 and March, 2015 Program Statistics
- February, 2015 and March, 2015 Invoices
- Library 2015-2016 Budget

Barbara Winter motioned to "receive and file" the Directors Report; Charles Hemple supported the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **BALLOT QUESTION IN NOVEMBER, 2015 ELECTION**
The Board decided to hold off on a discussion of a November millage question until the May, 2015 meeting.
- **APPROVAL TO CLOSE LIBRARY ON 7/31/2015 FOR SUMMER READING PICNIC**
Barbara Winter motioned to approve the closure; Linda Zeiss supported the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.
- **FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET**
Ed Bullock made a motion to approve the FY 2015-2016 budget as drafted by Corrine Stocker; Linda Zeiss supported the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **UPDATE ON FINANCING OF HVAC PROJECT**
Corrine Stocker presented the Board with a handout documenting the various financial institutions that she approached to finance the project and explained the reasons for which our loan request was categorically denied. She reminded the group that the library does have \$60,000 committed to the project in its fund balance and that she is working closely with Nowak & Fraus and the HVAC contractor to keep costs down on the rooftop units.
- **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**
Corrine Stocker reminded the Board that the Employee Handbook should be updated. She recommended that the Board use City Hall's Employee Handbook as a template for the library's. Sandy Pond recommended that we the Board holds a work/study session to discuss the updates a week before the May Board Meeting and asked Corrine Stocker to set it up.
- **OPTICAL FIBER INTERNET UPDATE**
Corrine Stocker updated the group on the status of the project and the challenges of wiring our 1969 building for modern technology. She informed the Board that Tony Colombo, husband of librarian Liz Colombo is doing much of the site preparation for free, and that he is a licensed master electrician. Ed Bullock mentioned that the library should have cable television available for patrons and asked Stocker to look into the costs. Our new fiber optic internet service is scheduled to go live in July, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PLANNING:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hazel Park resident and former library board member Christine Snyder made some comments in support of Corrine Stocker and all that she has done to help the library.

Librarian Linda Sims commented that she is glad that the Board decided to be wise in supporting Corrine Stocker.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Corrine Stocker: Stated that she would continue to do her job and represent the library to the best of her abilities.

Linda Zeiss: Said that she was embarrassed to have been a part of the executive session. She added that she can't believe that the library board would listen to Mr. McDermott and that if they want to hear a story about his character, they should come to her.

Ed Bullock: No comment

Chuck Hemple: No comment

Sandra Pond: Stated that the library board members should uphold the same standards of professionalism that they expect of Corrine Stocker.

Irene Zagar: No comment

Tim Wright: No comment

Barbara Winter: No comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Chuck Hemple motioned adjournment at 7:39. Ed Bullock supported the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.