

HAZEL PARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 6:30 P.M.
THE MONROE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Hazel Park Memorial (HPML) Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Sandra Pond. All members of the Board were in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Sandra Pond, President
Bob Peterson, Vice President
Linda Zeiss, Secretary
Ed Bullock
Michael Pyciak
Irene Zagar
Corrine Stocker, Interim Library Director

IN THE AUDIENCE: Linda Sims, Chas Hayes Andrea Pennington, Jeffrey Olivier and Bobby McDermott

CONVOCATION: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: N/A

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ed Bullock added a discussion of special meetings and Interim Director Corrine Stocker added a service call to repair to one of the roof boilers.

Bullock made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Zeiss. Motion approved 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peterson motioned to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting. Zeiss supported the motion. The motion was approved, 6-0.

Peterson pointed out that there was a problem with the November 9, 2012 Special Meeting minutes, noting that on the first line, the word "regular" should be changed to "special." He motioned to approve the revised minutes. Zeiss supported the motion. The motion was approved, 6-0.

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:

THE MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, for October, 2012
CIRCULATION REPORTS, for September and October, 2012
October and November 2012 INVOICES
September and October 2012 Program Statistics

Zeiss motioned to "receive and file" the Director's Report. Peterson supported the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

Peterson made a motion to "receive and file" the circulation reports. Pyciak supported the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers

Peterson motioned to keep the current officers. Zeiss supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Peterson-yes, Zeiss-yes, Pond-yes, and Bullock-no, Zagar-no, Pyciak-no. The motion died due to lack of support, 3-3.

Pond made a motion to nominate Zeiss as Secretary. Peterson supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Pond-yes, Peterson-yes, Pyciak-yes, Zagar-yes, Bullock-yes, and Zeiss-yes. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Peterson made a motion to nominate Pond as President. Zeiss supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Peterson-yes, Zeiss-yes, Pond-yes, and Pyciak-no, Zagar-no, Bullock-no. The motion died due to lack of support, 3-3.

Pond made a motion to nominate Peterson as President. Zeiss supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Pond-yes, Zeiss-yes, Peterson-yes, and Zagar-no, Bullock-no, Pyciak-no. The motion died due to lack of support, 3-3.

Bullock made a motion to nominate Pyciak as President. Zagar supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bullock-yes, Zagar-yes, Pyciak-yes, and Peterson-no, Zeiss-no, Pond-no. The motion died due to lack of support, 3-3.

Pyciak made a motion to table the election of officers until the next meeting. Zagar supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Pyciak-yes, Zagar-yes, Bullock-yes, Peterson-yes, Zeiss-yes, and Pond-yes. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2. Closing of library for the July 4th holiday—Thursday through Sunday. Bullock made a motion to make the closure. Pond supported the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

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3. Comerica funds transfer authorization for Interim Library Director

Zagar made a motion to give Interim Director Stocker authorization to transfer Comerica funds. Bullock supported the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

4. Approval of Main Heating & Cooling Boiler Maintenance contract renewal

Zagar made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract. Bullock supported the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

5. Special service call for the smaller roof boiler blower.

Peterson made a motion to proceed with the repair. The motion was supported by Zeiss. The motion carried, 6-0.

6. Special meetings. Bullock was concerned about the difference between emergency meetings versus special meetings. Pond stated that according to our bylaws, emergency meetings are classified as special meetings.

7. Interview of internal library director candidate—Corrine Stocker. Stocker agreed to be interviewed publicly. She answered questions from Zagar, Bullock and Pond. Peterson, Pyciak and Zeiss did not ask the candidate any questions.

Old Business: N/A

Committee Reports:

1. Hazel Park Library Friends

Liaison Ms. Zeiss reported the monthly activity of the Friends.

PLANNING: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Linda Sims:

I wish that the Board had made the decision to appoint Corrine as the permanent Director tonight so that we were not in limbo as to who our Director is going to be. And thank you for sending us to MLA.

Jeffrey Olivier:

As a resident of Hazel Park, and a patron of the library, which I enjoy very much, I wanted to speak about choosing a Librarian, because as a resident it's important to me. When I've come in here over the past six years, Corrine has always had a smiling face and has always made me want to be more involved in the library. She's been a very active person in the library and I really think as a resident I'd rather see someone hired as a librarian who is involved in the library tremendously. I am a Vice President of the

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Friends group, and she has demonstrated by coming to those meetings and been involved in fundraisers and activities and definitely the programs here. Corrine encouraged me to come to the programs. And I really think that's important in choosing a librarian. Not only that, but she's friendly to everyone and I like that; I like someone that I can approach easily and she's very helpful. I really think that it would be a good move on the part of the library board to hire her.

Andrea Pennington:

I agree; I second that. She's always been a warm personality, knowledgeable, she's always willing to help, she comes to our Friends meetings, she's an excellent, excellent person and I support her.

Bobby McDermott:

Let me make that unanimous; I agree with all of the comments that I hear from the audience. I think it is unfair that you don't give Corrine within a reasonable time an up or down vote on her tenure. And I would encourage you to make a quick decision about that because I think that everyone here has expressed their confidence in her—that she's capable and that she brings the elements that make this library a jewel—particularly for the small community as we are—and with the diversity of programs and the wonderful staff that we do have out there. And rather than put her in that awkward position, give her the opportunity to get off on a running start here and give her your support.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Michael Pyciak:

I'd like to congratulate Linda Zeiss for being reaffirmed as a Secretary. I'm glad to see people in the public bring their comments—it's very important to the democratic process. It should be interesting to see when Corrine is going to be appointed as director. From the people I've talked to in the community, it's pretty much unanimous that Corrine Stocker would be an excellent replacement as our next director—I concur wholly. I just have very major ethical concerns about the process of a publicly funded position that was not publicly posted. And I have some serious ethical problems with that as a representative of the taxpayers of Hazel Park. I think Corrine definitely has the in-house advantage, however I believe that it should be a publicly posted position since it is publicly funded and that is my stance on that issue.

Irene Zagar:

I agree a hundred percent with Mike because she's wonderful, but it's public money and it's a public library so I want to make sure that everything is legal and done properly.

Ed Bullock:

I think I would go along with what both Michael and Irene said because you know Hazel Park is not a private club and I made the motion that we hire Corrine on an interim basis because I've heard nothing but good comments as long as I've been on the library board—I think I've been on the library board longer than she's been with the city--and Jessica was of the same ilk and I think both of them are fine people and we were pleased to have Jessica as long as we did and I'm very pleased that we have Corrine

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still with us. If you had been at our special meeting, you'd have heard these same thoughts all echoed by the library board. Our only concern was we're dealing with public funds—it's not all six of our own funds—and we thought—at least the three of us—that it at least ought to be posted for other people—if they want to interview, fine. But we have an excellent person and an excellent staff right here.

Bob Peterson:

No comment.

Linda Zeiss:

I really don't understand this duality of Ed and Irene.

Corrine Stocker:

No comment

Sandy Pond:

I agree with the audience out there. I feel that Corrine would be excellent in the position of library director and I've worked at many different places. I have worked in government, which I'm in right now, I have worked in private, public, non-profit, for-profit, and many times, the habit has been to promote from within. Typically you don't expend the money and the time and waste the time of the interviewees if you know that you have a candidate that is well-suited for the position. I have always been for advancement from within and I've been slighted for positions like that—it happens—but if you have a qualified person within, it makes sense to promote them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Peterson motioned adjournment at 7:25 P.M. Zeiss supported the motion.