



April 20, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at 113 S. 4th Street , Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

Present: Renee Dietrich, Greg Knies, Frank Kasprowicz, Colin Waszkiewicz, Paul Hoh Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Osmer Deming, Henriette Alban, Nancy Campbell, Maureen Dolan and Toni Albert and Justin Bodor.

Absent: Jim Shankweiler, Johanny Cepeda, excused.

Guests: Frank Dembowski, Ernie Schlegel, Denise Sticha, Linda Capozello

Public Comment: Frank Dembowski from the City of Reading Mayor's office spoke about the Cities for Citizenship initiative. This program would enhance citizenship in Reading with economic and social benefits through naturalization process. Would like to partner with local library and other organizations for job training, reference materials and the like. Would like to display a kiosk in RPL. Motion to endorse and RPL to partner with this initiative made by Heather Hanna and seconded by Stephanie Towles. Approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve the March minutes made by Henriette Alban, seconded by Maureen Dolan. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Toni Albert. Motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Hoh, seconded by Heather Hanna. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available. Frank Kasprowicz spoke about the upcoming District Library meetings, the upgrade to Polaris and staff training. Circulation is overall staying even with eBooks continuing to grow. Internet usage is up 10%.

Library Services: Report presented by Stephanie Towles. Mornings at Main was held on April 2 and several service agencies were invited to share their calendar. The even had a good turnout and was well received with good feedback. The next library services meeting will be held April 30th at 4pm. The agenda will be to discuss policy and discard of library items and materials.

Facilities: Report given by Henriette Alban. We are still waiting for the elevator to be repaired. The brick wall in the patron lot is currently being repaired. There is some buckling of the sidewalk on Franklin Street that the city has been notified about. An open items report was sent to Public Works. There is a meeting scheduled with Houch next week to discuss the roof. The HVAC issue at Southwest will be fixed instead of replaced. The Northwest branch parking lot will not be repaired until the street pot holes are done. The front steps at Main still need to be pointed. Ernie Schlegel will meet with Henriette on the 29th to go through the facilities log and create a Capital Improvement list. RCAP grants open next month. Justin Bodor spoke about the conversion from oil to gas at Southeast and Northwest.

Finance: Report given by Greg Knies. The committee met today prior to the board meeting. The committee is working on long term financial goals and budgets. The topic of a part time Latino Coordinator position was discussed. Frank poke about the community impact and outreach opportunity. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of this newly created position. The result was that although it is a good position to have we have limited funding. It was agreed to post pone any action on recommendations for a month.

Personnel: No Report

Advancement: Report given by Nancy Campbell. Additional Cocktails and Classics income should be coming from the sales of Sorellis Jewelers the night of the event. The committee is looking at other venues for 2016. The Celebrity Bartender event is on the horizon. The Jazz program held this past Saturday was excellent.

The unveiling of the Children's Department mural at Main will be April 22nd at 4 PM.

Strategic Planning: Paul Hoh gave the report. The committee will meet with the staff to go over the objectives for 2015 on April 29th.

Unfinished Business: Denise Sticha spoke about the migration to Polaris and upcoming training. Target date to start is still May 21st.

New Business: Denise Sticha spoke about an BCPL Board Advocacy Committee to include RPL members to serve. There are lots of ideas on the table, including how to promote better awareness among elected officials.

Motion to adjourn made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Osmer Deming Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Hanna". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Heather Hanna
Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees