



## READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Now more than ever

February 18, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:00 PM at the 113 South Fourth Street location with Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

**Present:** Renee Dietrich, Ernie Schlegel, Frank Kasprovicz, Heather Hanna, Stephanie Towles, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, Justin Bodor, Ryan Breisch, Paul Hoh and Johanny Cepeda.

**Absent:** Greg Knies, Jonathan Zeigler, Henriette Alban, all excused.

**Guests:** Kate Thornton

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Paul Hoh to approve the January minutes after correction to absentee list. Seconded by Justin Bodor. Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Ernie Schlegel to approve the Treasurer's Report, Seconded by Justin Bodor. Accepted.

**Director's Report:** Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. The library still has one interested party in purchasing the bookmobile. The expansion into more online resources is being reviewed.

**Library Services:** No Report

**Facilities:** Report given by Justin Bodor. The committee has looked into the conversion from oil to gas at the Northwest and Southeast branches. The project could take 6-8 weeks. Justin is in contact with Sandy Schlegel at UGI. Vicky Fuller will supply Justin with the oil and gas invoices from the branches to compare savings.

Ernie Schlegel reported that the gutter work at Northeast has not been fixed but that the security cameras that were malfunctioning have been repaired.

**Finance:** No Report

**Personnel:** Ryan Breisch reported that Frank Kasprovicz will do a self evaluation which will be sent to the Board for discussion an additional input

**Development:** A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. An update on Cocktails and Classics was provided. Sponsors have doubled since last year. The library will host two performances for Jazz Fest and will need help during those events. The Historical Society program held at Northwest was very successful and had a good turnout.

**Strategic Planning:** Report given by Paul Hoh. The five year plan needs to be replaced as well as a new five year plan developed for the Library acting as a District Center.

**Unfinished Business:** The results of the survey on DVDs and the potential purchase of a buffer was discussed. It was determined that we will continue to use the County Library System's buffer instead of purchasing one.

Regarding the motion made in January for a resolution regarding all media communications. Ryan Breisch made a motion to revise the resolution to read as follows: Public statements or official communications, such as letters to public officials, position statements, etc. made on behalf of the Reading Public Library shall be reviewed by the Board President or Library Director or a designee before they are released. Seconded by Paul Hoh. Approved.

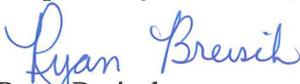
**New Business:**

Motion by Ernie Schlegel and seconded by Heather Hanna to revise the Customer Behavior Policy to add: 7.) Smoking, chewing or other tobacco use (such as rolling cigarettes).  
Approved.

Frank Kasproicz spoke about providing the Reading Police with identification of patrons that are negligent returning property of RPL, which would now be considered stolen. Chief Heim suggested that citations could be issued and after ten days possibly arrest warrants. Discussion regarding court time, costs and time spent attending hearings was entertained. It was recommended that Justin Bodor and Bill Roberts review the law and report back at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ernie Schlegel and seconded by Johanny Cepeda. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ryan Breisch  
Secretary