

**The Nyack Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 3, 2006**

Present:

Foster Bass
Mary Callan
James Case, Secretary
E. Michael Growney, Jr.
Myria Jean-Gilles
Debra Karten
Jeffrey McDowell
Joan Moffett, Vice-President
Roger Seiler, President
Paul Shein, Treasurer
Ellen Simpson

Absent:

*Judith Lawler

Staff

James Mahoney, Library Director
Stephen Hoefler, Mgr. Operations & Finance
Minerva Parker, Administrative Assistant

***excused**

The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m., in the Meeting Room of The Nyack Library, with Roger Seiler as chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 6th, Mr. Shein motioned to accept, seconded by Mr. Case, unanimously approved.

Director's Report

Mr. Mahoney spoke about the possible problem that the authority of the IDA to issue civic facility bonds might expire on June 30th, thus time is critical in order to meet the deadline date for the application. Mr. Seiler stated that he had spoken with someone in Senator Littles office and they assured him the bill would pass before the Senate in enough time, but it would still need to go before the Assembly.

Mr. Mahoney discussed the Long Range Plan, emphasizing that one needs to be in place and approved by the Board to meet State minimum standards for libraries. The RCLS Plan of Service also needs to be considered as soon as possible, so that it may be submitted to the State.

Mr. Mahoney attended the Public Library Association's Conference in Boston. There were many vendors with interesting products, and programs with good information which could be utilized here at the Library.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Shein presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Shein stated that the Audit report is in its final stages, and should be in hand, from Berard & Donahue, in a week or two. An additional page was added to this month's Treasurer's Report, "Summary by Library & Properties", for a better understanding of the worksheet. The Treasurer's Report was moved for acceptance by Ms. Jean-Gilles and seconded by Ms. Simpson, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Building Committee- Ms. Simpson reported that there was no Building Committee Meeting this month, but to note the date April 24, 9:00 am for the next meeting. Ms. Simpson reported that she and Mr. Mahoney met with the staff to refine the design of particular areas. A contract with Helmer Construction is expected to be in place for the next Building Meeting.

Policy & Planning Committee- Mr. Bass reported that the committee had met on March 17th to review the Proposed Interim Long Range Plan presented by Mr. Mahoney, and that after considerable discussion a revision was drafted and is now being presented for Board approval

Mr. Seiler gave an overview of his participation on Lobby Day in Albany, March 14th.

Old Business

Correspondence was received from Mr. Robert Lewis, Esq. in reference to “DePew House, Inc.”, a corporation that was set-up in 2004 by the Library during the purchase of what we are now calling the Stevenson House. Nothing further needs to be done to dissolve this corporation, it will dissolve because of inactivity all by itself.

The Board considered a proposed letter of agreement submitted by attorney Doran Bar-Lavav of Harris Beach, New York City, to serve as Special Financial Counsel for the bond process. Mr. Growney reported on his research and work in this matter, suggesting that another attorney be considered. As a result of further discussion the Board agreed to meet again in Special Session to further consider these issues. The Board will have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Local History room.

New Business

Mr. Seiler discussed a recent letter he had sent to the Village of Grand View Board about supporting the library financially. Discussion opened up about this on-going problem with the Village of Grand View and how to approach this subject.

Mr. Bass moved to accept the Interim Long Range Plan, seconded by Mr. McDowell, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting, **Monday, May 1, 2006, 7:45 p.m.**, in the Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Mahoney
Library Director