

The Nyack Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 4, 2008

Present:

Foster Bass
James L. Case, Secretary
E. Michael Growney, Jr.
Debra Karten
Judith Lawler
Jeffrey McDowell
Joan E. Moffett, Vice-President
Roger W. Seiler, President
Paul D. Shein, Treasurer
Ellen Simpson
Bonnie Yassky

Absent:

* Myria Jean-Gilles

*Excused

Staff:

James Mahoney, Library Director
Stephen Hoefler, Manager of Operations & Finance
Mary Callan, Director of Development

Visitor:

Thomas Wade, President of Wade Associates

1. Call to Order:

The meeting opened at 7:46 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room with Roger Seiler as Chair.

2. Presentation on The Library's "Capital" Development Program:

Mary Callan presented a four page written Development Program Report on the status of the program. Thomas Wade complemented Mary on the progress thus far. The Board discussed different local, county, and Federal grants.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the January 7, 2008 regular Board Meeting were amended to correct Karen to Karten in the first sentence of item 2, and to correct Forster to Foster in the first sentence of item 3. Upon motion by Foster Bass and seconded by Debra Karten the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Personnel Issue:

Motion by Jeffrey McDowell to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by E. Michael Growney and unanimously approved.

5. Director's Report:

The Director reviewed his written report and answered questions from the Board.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Paul Shein reviewed his written report and answered questions from the Board. Upon motion by Jeffrey McDowell and seconded by E. Michael Growney the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Financial Statements:

Stephen reviewed the financial statements and answered questions from the Board.

7. Committee Reports:

Construction Management Committee: Ellen reported that January was an interesting month with a field trip on 1/15/08 to New Paltz to see the DEC building and geothermal system, and a lighting demo on 1/25/08 to show LED and other lighting fixtures being considered. It was noted that the Committee reviewed and accepted schematic and design drawings per the Architects contract, and approved payment for builders risk through Helmer-Cronin. Ellen presented Barbara Corwin's floor plans for the new expansion and communicated that Barbara was extremely helpful in the selection of door hardware. James M. indicated that the river "theme" concept of the Children's room is much more subtle than previously. Ellen spoke about LED lighting.

Bylaws Committee: Roger reported that the new bylaws were sent to Attorney James Riley for review, who had no substantial changes, and that the Committee had met last Thursday 1/31/08. Roger indicated that the Board has until March to review the proposed bylaws and to submit any changes to him. If the changes were minor, then the Board could adopt them at March's meeting, but if there were major changes then the Committee would meet again. James M. read Article VI of the current bylaws and stated that according to this Article the Board could not adopt the proposed bylaws until April.

8. Old Business:

Bond Refinancing: Stephen reviewed his "Bond Refinancing" memo which indicated that it does not make sense for The Nyack Library to pursue bond refinancing at this time.

9. New Business:

James M. reminded the Board that the budget vote is on Tuesday 2/12/08 and distributed the call list.

Roger distributed a Committee listing and asked Board members to indicate which Committee's they would like to serve on then return the list to him. He also spoke about the Public Budget Meeting at Valley Cottage.

James M. discussed the new Answers Agreement with RCLS and asked the Board to formally accept it. There was discussion about Finkelstein Library's position on the agreement and what the substantive changes were.

Motion by Jeff McDowell to adopt the Answers Agreement, seconded by Paul Shein and unanimously approved.

10. Upon motion of Ellen Simpson and seconded by Paul Shein, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Next Meeting, **Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:45 p.m.** in the Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Hoefler, MBA
Manager of Operations & Finance