

Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Ernest E. Sauter Board Room
December 10, 2015

Board Members Present: Bosler, Bush, Doughty, Liebold, McLaughlin, Moran

Board Members Absent: Lazar, O'Malley

Staff Members Present: Miller, Serresseque, Streit, Yunker

Staff Members Absent: Siegrist

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7: 05 p.m. by Library Board President, C. Doughty.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

MOTION by G. Bosler to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Board Meeting was supported by C. Liebold. Board approved. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL

MOTION by G. Bosler to receive and file the October 2015 Monthly Revenue Report was supported by M. Bush. Board approved. Motion passed.

OPERATING BILLS

MOTION by G. Bosler to approve \$640,259.20 of expenditures for check numbers 22260 through 22355 was supported by C. Liebold. Board approved. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

E. Streit shared four pieces of correspondence including an appreciation donation from a patron who studied in the Library during college and has become a successful doctor in California.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

E. Streit shared a letter from Allen Archer, Principal of Dunckl Middle School, explaining acceptable behavior in the Library. The letter was distributed to parents during the week of Thanksgiving. It states that if the disruptive behavior doesn't improve, students will only be allowed to visit the Library accompanied by their parents. Since then, students are better behaved. If they continue good behavior, the Library will not be forced to the next level. The School Board will vote on December 15,

2015 and may decide to repurpose Dunckel to a K-5 STEM school. At that time, we could expect a change in after-school activity.

J. Miller reports that a representative from the school district will talk with staff on Friday, December 11, and offer strategies to reinforce positive behavior of students.

E. Streit will contact Allen Archer to inquire if there are teachers who would be willing to become a monitor here at the Library.

The Farmington Hills Police assisted with a safety walkthrough of the Main Library. Along with recommendations and tips, they will send a comprehensive report to E. Streit for consideration. The first recommendation is to secure all staff area doors with key fobs. The Library will also need to upgrade the resolution on security cameras and install an alarm system. Mary Carleton, Coordinator of Technology, has been checking with other libraries and businesses to inquire about the security systems.

Areas of concern to be considered are the Receiving Room doors, book drop, camera upgrades at both buildings, panic alarm at front desk, telephone display/panic alert, panic button that would call Police.

It was suggested that the Library also have a security company come through the building and give recommendations.

Programming highlights include having the Woodcreek Elementary School second graders visit. They had a tour of the Library and lunch in the auditorium. They were issued 50 new Library cards.

Paul Ganson, official historian and retired bassoonist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra spoke about Orchestra Hall. Over 100 patrons attended the program.

Members of the Farmington Genealogical group answered questions after a demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B assisted patrons with medical assistance program questions, and helped over 30 patrons sign up for the Medicare Part D program.

The Michigan Library Association initiated a tax capture package which was passed by the Senate Finance Committee. It would allow libraries to opt out of DDAs or Brownfield Authorities as long as no bond is attached. It may return close to \$8 million each year to library budgets.

The Library received a \$1,000 grant for the Children's Department who wanted to create a Special Needs Collection. The Collection will provide materials, toys and books designed to help children and adults with specific challenges.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has no report.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has no report.

Benefits Committee

The Benefits Committee has no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Defined Contribution Pension Program was closed in 1999. The FCL recently received a notice that the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan wants the Library to be paid up within the next six years. They have provided a graph to indicate the amount to be paid each year.

Options: Pay before December 31, 2015, in full, and save \$1,000,000
 Pay \$500,000 per year until paid in full
 Explore issuing a bond to pay for employee pension
 Invite Sue Feinberg from MERS to answer questions and allow a more confident decision

MOTION by M. Bush that the Board of Trustees approves pre-funding the Defined Benefit Pension Plan as outlined by the Funding Level Calculator provided by MERS, payment of \$1,898,075, to be issued by December 31, 2015, was supported by G. Bosler.

Ayes: G. Bosler, M. Bush, C. Liebold
Opposed: C. Doughty, J. McLaughlin
Abstain: M. Moran due to resignation on Library Board

Motion passed.

James Mike Moran announced that the December Board Meeting would be his last meeting. He has plans to move out of Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by Library Board President, C. Doughty.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ernest E. Sauter Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Bosler, Secretary
Library Board of Trustees

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