

MINUTES  
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
17 MAY 2010

Richard Ramsey, President called the regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 PM on Monday May 17, 2010.

Attending: Richard Ramsey, President; Robert Parmenter, Treasurer; Rebecca Pahl, Rita Stein and Gail Sacco, Clerk

Absent: Robert Kent, Vice-President

Others Attending: Julie Stump

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meetings held on April 19, 2010 were presented to the Board.

M (RP) S (RS) P: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2010.

**FINANCIAL:**

**WARRANTS:** Warrant 10A (April 20-30, 2010) was presented to the Board. Warrant 10A for the operating fund totaled \$17,520.67.

M (RS) S (RCP) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 10A OF \$17,520.67 FROM OPERATING FUNDS SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Warrant 11 (May1-17, 2010) was presented to the Board. Warrant 11 for the operating fund totaled \$9,713.41.

M (RS) S (RCP) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 11 OF \$9,713.41 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The APRIL 2010 Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board.

M (RS) S (RCP) P: TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT OF \$32,429.66 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT, \$338,176.16, IN TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, \$55,285.25 IN THE BUILDING FUND AND \$22,130.73 IN THE MEMORIAL ACCOUNT FOR TOTAL FUNDS OF \$448,023.80.

The Treasurer's Report includes the cash from the CD in the Memorial Fund total. Gail Sacco reported that she is continuing discussions with Jim Reilly regarding a resolution to give retirees with 15 years at the library a health insurance bridge between ages 62 and 65.

**RETIREMENT OBLIGATION:** The Board of Education has proposed a 4 year payment schedule for an outstanding retirement obligation. The Trustees instructed Gail Sacco to let VCSD know that they will consider the schedule and look at the library budget.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Services: Two adult programs were highlights of the month.

Heart of the Matter: Becoming a Transformative Teacher

This program focused on the importance of empathy in teaching. Art Willis, who worked in VCSD for over 20 years, along with his colleague and co-author Marcia Greenberg and his niece Rachel Theodorou were the speakers

Riverway Storytelling Performance for Seniors. The event followed the monthly New Scotland Seniors Congregate Lunch. One of the storytellers, Joe Peck, is local and had a newspaper column for some time so he had name recognition from both the column and from people who knew either Joe or his family. The performance lasted just over an hour and both storytellers were very well received.

Small Town Friends Festival: Gail Sacco reported that festival plans are progressing. New Scotland Kiwanis has offered to have a hot dog and hamburger barbecue and donate the proceeds towards expenses. There will be a ceremony commemorating 9/11 at 2 PM and local politicians will be invited. The information and registration sheets will be going out to vendors shortly.

Grants: Suzanne Fisher received a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities for a program called Ellis Island, History and Memory: A Book Discussion and Field Trip. It is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Participants will read **American Passage: The History of Ellis Island** by Vincent Cannato, attend a library book discussion and then travel to Ellis Island where Professor Cannato will lead the group on a tour of the immigration buildings. Full funding of \$1,100 for this grant has been awarded.

UHLS Storytelling Grant: The grant timeline is April 2010 to March 2011. This grant pairs teenagers with seniors to gather life stories. There will be a storyteller and videographer provided through the grant. The first part of the grant will be a podcasting workshop in June, which Suzanne Fisher and Gail Brown will attend. We will identify 10 seniors to participate in the program. A storyteller and a photographer will work with the seniors to compile stories and photos of their lives, and each will have a book printed. Gail and I will teach podcasting to teen volunteers, who will film the seniors' sessions with the storytellers. This grant has no direct monetary award to the library

Building: The air conditioner has a broken condenser. Repair estimates are being requested from several companies since this may be an expensive repair.

Personnel:

M (RS) S (RCP) P: TO APPOINT JODY SCHLOMO AS AN ADULT PAGE.

M(RCP) S(RP) P: TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Charter: The Trustees decided to keep the term of office at 5 years. They would like to expand the number of Trustees to 7 and directed Gail Sacco to contact the Division of Library Development for further instructions on instituting this change.

Building Expansion: Gail Sacco and Rita Stein presented the sub-committee's recommendations to the Board regarding marketing, fundraising and the bond referendum.

M (RP) S(RCP) P: TO AUTHORIZE RITA STEIN AND BOB KENT TO NEGOTIATE PRELIMINARY CONTRACTS WITH LIBBY POST FOR THE BRANDING AND REFERENDUM WORK AND LINDA LONDON FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTING. THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT WILL THEN BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

M (RK) S (RCP) P: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Alter Sacco, Clerk