

MINUTES
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
15 NOVEMBER 2010

Richard Ramsey, President called the regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 PM on Monday, November 15, 2010.

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

Others Attending: Joyce Laiosa and Bryan Richmond

OATH OF OFFICE: James Reilly administered the oath of office to Bryan Richmond to fill the first year of a 5 year term. The seat will be open at the next election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

M (RP) S (RS) P: TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED LEASE OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

The Board went into executive session at 7:15 PM.

M (RP) (RS) P: TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:45 P.M.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on October 22, 2010 were presented to the Board.

M (RP) S (RS) P: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2010.

FINANCIAL:

WARRANTS:

M (RCP) S (BR) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 4A (October 22-31) OF \$12,909.37 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

M (RCP) S (BR) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 5 (November 1-15, 2010) OF \$42,983.62 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Gail Sacco noted that this warrant includes \$2,000 for the Overdrive Advantage program which allows the library to purchase electronic books for the exclusive use of our school district residents.

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

Gail Sacco noted that \$17,225.10 had not been transferred into the building fund because the money was donated to the library and the amount in the building fund is public funds.

M (RCP) S (BR) P: TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT OF \$815,276.96 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT, \$0 IN TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, \$63,463.41 IN THE BUILDING FUND AND \$23,119.86 IN THE MEMORIAL ACCOUNT FOR TOTAL FUNDS OF \$901,860.23.

BUDGET TRANSFERS FY 2009-10: Gail Sacco presented the budget transfers for the year ending on June 30, 2010.

M (RCP) S (BR) P: TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2010. THESE TRANSFERS ARE FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Services: The Corcione Family wrote to Gail Sacco to commend Suzanne Fisher for the exceptional Ellis Island program.

There has been some disruptive behavior at the young people's book discussions. Joyce Laiosa has sent a letter to the parents of the participants and parents were asked to be present and in the room during the Friday night discussions—especially since the library is closed and there are no other staff members available in case of an emergency.

Gail Sacco demonstrated Natural Standard, a library database which was founded by healthcare providers and researchers to provide high-quality, evidence-based information about complementary and alternative therapies. The Trustees requested that she try to advertise this more broadly.

The Trustees looked at the new Voorheesville Public Library Facebook page. This is a full featured page which will provide another connection point for our online residents.

Personnel: Macaire Hill has been granted a medical leave which will begin on November 24, 2010. She will return to work on January 12, 2010. Michele Reilly has agreed to cover the majority of Hill's responsibilities during this time.

Building: T-1 connection. Tech Valley Communications has the ability to upgrade the library to a fiber optic internet connection. This would be a long term benefit to the library's services. They are preparing a proposal for our use.

Gail Sacco distributed the holiday and board meeting calendars for 2011.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting with the VCSD Board of Education: Dick Ramsey has contacted Jim Coffin, the Board President and will have more information about a meeting time by December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner of Education: Joyce Laiosa attended a New York Library Association meeting which introduced the David M. Steiner, Commissioner of Education to the library community. She reported that his priority is improving the k-12 education system in New York State. He did not have a good understanding of the public library's role in the education system.

M (BR) S (RS) P: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Alter Sacco

Gail Alter Sacco, Clerk