

Minutes of the October 26, 10, HPL Library Board of Trustees meeting

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Gene Kain, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Present: Gene Kain, Mary Eklund, Bill Reynolds, Bonnie Rosenberg, John Burmaster, Mayor Tish Colombi, Superintendent of Schools Rick Perry, and Library Director Susan Briant. Absent: Ann Kearney and Deborah Marchand (both excused.) Public present: Ruth Balton.

The agenda was approved on motion of Bill Reynolds and seconded by Tish Colombi. The motion carried.

The minutes of September 28, 10, Library Board of Trustees meeting were approved as written (Reynolds, Rosenberg.) Motion carried.

The minutes of the Oct. 12, 10 Special Library Board of Trustees meeting were approved as amended (add Kain to board committee) on motion of Reynolds and seconded by Eklund. Motion carried.

President's Report: Gene Kain stated that today we are having Bill Brookover as a guest to give a presentation on the State Historic Sites Council and working with it on the library building and historic preservation. He said that Bill Brookover and John Reisner have offered to assist with working with SHSC at the appropriate time. He also said that there will be a conference call for the board committee members working with Anthony Iovino at 10 am to discuss possible improvements to the library building.

The **Treasurer's report** was reviewed. It was approved and filed for audit on motion of Bill Reynolds and seconded by Mary Eklund. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Friends of the Library: Ruth Balton reported that the Haddonfield Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale on Sept. 25 and 26. A new Members only event on the evening of Sept. 24 was attended by 90 Friends members.

Director's Report: Briant made a recommendation for the Board to consider hiring an independent attorney with knowledge of historic properties and deeds to obtain a written review of the library property deed. This is an important piece of the puzzle in moving forward with plans for the library location. Tish Colombi said she would ask Mario Iavicoli to provide a timely written opinion on the deed for the library board. She will report progress back to the next Library Board meeting.

Briant reported that we are still awaiting a copy of the appraisal of the library building from the Borough.

She also reported that an Eagle Scout has approached the library with a proposal to work on the library grounds. The proposal was forwarded to the Borough's insurance agent for

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review. Potential liability issues are under review. The Board will get more information on this as it is available.

Next month the Board will need to approve the operating schedule for 2011, including holidays and closed days, discuss Board appointments, professional contracts and the director's contract.

Operating Budget for 2011: director and Budget Committee members (Marchand and Eklund) gave an overview of the proposed library operating budget for 2011. Our proposed budget is due to the Borough by Nov. 1. It is not usually formalized until close to June or July 2011, once the Borough knows the amounts of funding it has. This proposed budget has less than ½ of 1% increase. The request to the Borough is for flat funding – the same as received in 2010. Briant said she rewrote the budget narrative to show how the library has made significant efforts to reduce costs while maintaining services and staff over the past few years.

Bill Reynolds stated that there has been a 50% increase in health care costs from 2004-11. Our materials budget has declined and our Borough appropriation is at the same level now as it was in 2007.

John Burmaster moved to adopt the proposed operating budget for 2011 for the library and Bonnie Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Our capital budget request for 2011 will be presented next month, after additional information is available regarding building improvements.

John Burmaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 am seconded by Bill Reynolds. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Briant
Secretary pro tem