

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: Wednesday, September 30th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Meeting Room

Call to order and roll call of members:

President Bob LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Present:

Gary Denué
Pete Fornof
Bob LaRose
JoAnn Nabe
Francie Powell
Sharon Whittaker
Gloria Zupanci

Members Absent:

Emily Gates
Kim Harrison

A. Introduction of guests:

Librarian-Director Susan Carr, Assistant Director Cary Harvengt

B. Disposition of regular minutes:

Motion by Pete Fornof, seconded by Gloria Zupanci, to approve the regular board meeting minutes for Wednesday, August 26th, 2015.

Motion carried.

C. Communications:

Susan reported that she received a thank you note from IMPACT, a group who fosters services for people with disabilities, for a book gift basket we donated to their silent auction fundraiser.

D. Committee Reports:

1) *Building*

Susan reported that Dannix is schedule to paint the exterior roof trim and the lower level Youth area the weeks of October 5th – 17th.

Kane tested the backflow preventers, and the fire line backflow failed. This backflow will need 1st & 2nd checks replaced and a relief assembly installed. Susan reported that she has authorized repairs for a total of \$1,638.00.

2) *Personnel*

Two high school staff members, Amanda Schmidt and Sophia Evans, have scored in the top 5% of over 1.5 million U.S. students for the SAT National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

3) *ELFs*

Sharon reported that the three telescopes purchased by the ELFs are at the library and being processed for programming and adult circulation.

Sharon invited the board members to the ELF member night event and told them to expect invitations in the mail.

The ELFs have had good success selling books to Book Prospector and are in the process of testing out four other companies that buy used books.

4) *Finance*

Motion by JoAnn Nabe, seconded by Pete Fornof, to approve the pre-paid bills in the amount of \$63,202.75.

Roll call:

Gary Denué – yes
Pete Fornof – yes
JoAnn Nabe – yes
Francie Powell – yes
Sharon Whittaker – yes
Gloria Zupanci – yes
Bob LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Nabe, seconded by Francie Powell, to approve the bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$45,200.07.

Roll call:

Gary Denué – yes
Pete Fornof – yes
JoAnn Nabe – yes
Francie Powell – yes
Sharon Whittaker – yes
Gloria Zupanci – yes
Bob LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

The tax levy request for FY 2016-2017 was discussed and Susan and the board agreed to request that the tax levy be set at \$1,271,500.00.

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Pete Fornof, to set the tax levy request at \$1,271,500.00

Roll call:

Gary Denué – yes
Pete Fornof – yes
JoAnn Nabe – yes
Francie Powell – yes
Sharon Whittaker – yes

Gloria Zupanci – yes

Bob LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

Susan reported that Anne requested a self-checkout machine for the Youth Dept. The board tabled the discussion until further usage stats from the adult machine can be analyzed.

Susan reported that the library's east side landscaping project cost will increase by \$280.00 for a re-design with more shrubs and no rocks.

E. Illinois Heartland Library System

Gary reported that an Illinois state budget has still not been set. The library system is currently using reserve funds which can last approximately one year.

F. Librarian-Director Report

Susan reported that the City of Edwardsville now has an app called "Experience Edwardsville," which includes library programming in the events section.

Susan reported that staff were being trained on proper use of the telescopes so they can effectively help patrons at check-out. Two telescopes will circulate after a "star gazing" event at the library on Saturday, October 17th.

Anne has applied for a grant from the Junior Service Club to purchase ten Leap Launchpads for grade school and pre-school aged children. Susan showed the board one of these tablet-sized learning devices which incorporate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & math) educational initiatives.

G. Unfinished Business

None.

H. New Business

None.

I. Presentation to Board

None

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Whittaker, seconded by Gloria Zupanci. The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 8:22 pm.