

**PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Toni Eppensteiner, President
Dianne Patrick, Secretary
Lynn Moon
Dirk Van Osdol
Pamela Christensen, Library Director
Heather Steltenpohl, Administrative Assistant
Ron Carrigan, Finance Director
Sandra Robertson, Township Advisory Council

Absent: John Weber

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Patrick moved and Van Osdol supported to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the previous meetings
2. Approve the bills payable
3. Communications
4. Statistical Reports
5. Departmental Reports

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Amy Becker, Technical Services Librarian presented her management report and demonstrated how a book is processed at PWPL.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports were reviewed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Board of Trustees Goals 2009/2010 – Goals for 2009/2010 were reviewed. Moon moved and Patrick supported the approval of the 2009/2010 goals as discussed. Motion carried.

Food for Fines, November 2009 – Moon moved and Van Osdol supported to follow the recommendation of the Library Director and allow PWPL to accept one non-perishable food

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item in exchange for forgiving each \$1.00 in library fines during the month of November 2009.
Motion carried.

State of Michigan Library Funding Resolution - The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Moon and supported by Member Van Osdol.

WHEREAS Michigan's libraries are vital resources for Michigan families seeking jobs online, write resumes, filing for unemployment and disability benefits and accessing the internet, and;

WHEREAS Sixty-four percent of Michigan libraries report they are the only source of free internet access in their communities which is a critical link to technology and training for many who cannot afford it;

WHEREAS the State Library of Michigan holds the second largest collection of materials, is the third most visited library in the country and has the fifth highest circulation of state libraries nationally, the importance of this state resource is being ignored as both an educational and economic resource;

WHEREAS it is essential for the well-being of the citizens of the State of Michigan that libraries thrive as they are the cornerstones of a literate society and are on the cutting edge of a knowledge based economy; and

WHEREAS State of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's Executive Order No. 2009-36 goes much further than abolishing the Department of History, Arts and Libraries by diminishing the position, influence and stature of the library community and the State Library of Michigan; and

WHEREAS the Executive Order fails to recognize statewide library services -MeLibrary online subscriptions, MeLCat interlibrary loan and MeL Tests and Tutorials – all resources used for research, educational purposes, workforce development, job seeking and job preparation - were made possible through the leadership of the Library of Michigan and the collaboration, group purchasing and resource sharing of the entire library community saving the taxpayers \$72 million;

WHEREAS the Executive Order calls for breaking up the Library of Michigan without real cost savings and calls for the creation of the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board which is asked to 'preserve and maximize the benefits to the public of existing state library and historical resources including collections, buildings and skilled personnel' but does not include any library community representation;

WHEREAS State aid to libraries serves as the maintenance of effort requirement by the federal government to sustain federal funding for the MeLibrary, MeLCat and MeL Tests and Tutorials and the Senate budget threatens the viability of the entire statewide interlibrary loan and resource sharing system which includes every library in the state - academic, public, k-12 and special libraries;

WHEREAS the State Aid to Public Libraries Act 89 of 1977 requires libraries shall receive a total of \$1.50 per capita or approximately \$15.4 million – but are currently receiving 96 cents per capita or \$10 million- and the Senate-passed budget cuts library funding to \$7.5 million – less than half of what is statutorily required by state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Peter White Public Library of the City of Marquette acting as advocates of the people of the State of Michigan and in support of resources that ensure a high quality of life for all, strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to:

- Support all legislative efforts to maintain library services and keep their functions whole under the Library of Michigan within state government;
- Maintain state aid to libraries at \$10 million to retain the federal funding required to sustain the MeLibrary online subscription resources, MeLCat interlibrary loan and MeL Tests and Tutorials;
- Retain the position and role of the State Librarian.

YEAS: Eppensteiner, Patrick, Moon, Van Osdol, **NAYS:** None. The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Betsy Clow Memorial Garden Cost Update – Christensen reviewed the correspondence regarding the cost of the Betsy Clow Memorial Garden
Marquette Community Foundation – Christensen learned that the MCF will providing statements online soon.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Links – Christensen reported in Claire Rose's absence that pick up from Powell Township will start in the next week or so. Errands will pick up Powell Township and Waltco will pick up Sands and Skandia Townships. The book drops also have a separate media drop for the safety of the A/V materials.
Development Plan – The complete development plan will be presented next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Advisory Council – Eppensteiner reported that she attended the September 2009 TAC meeting and reviewed the conversation that took place. The TAC has instructed President Carolyn Meyers to send a letter to Marquette Township clarifying the information provided to them from Markes was not on behalf of the TAC. Christensen will be presenting to the Marquette Township Board on October 6, 2009.

The millage renewal request and Powell Township strategy will be discussed at the October 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Personnel Committee – The committee needs to meet to discuss the Library Director's contract.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Patrick
Secretary

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