

**PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 18, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Toni Eppensteiner, President
Dianne Patrick, Secretary
Dirk Van Osdol
Pam Christensen, Library Director
Claire Rose, Deputy Director
Caroline Jordan
Marlene Seelig, Finance Director
Carolyn Myers, Township Advisory Council

Absent: John Weber
Lynn Moon
Heather Steltenpohl, Administrative Assistant

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved with the addition of item A. Artwork under New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The current financial reports were reviewed. The December 2010 fraudulent activity which was discovered on Christensen's Wells Fargo credit card have been resolved. The 2010/2011 Budget Revision was approved as presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christensen reported that the White House Award Ceremony went well, and presented the award & certificate at the Board Meeting for all to see. Christensen will attend courses towards her Certificate in Non-Profit Executive Leadership at Indiana University in April.

Christensen distributed the information she received from VAST on the Directors & Officers policy and advised that VAST Representatives will be attending the next Board meeting.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Rose advised that website developer Suckow successfully deployed the new “Donate” button on the website. Donors can use their credit cards online, or print and mail a form in to PWPL.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Advisory Council – New goals and new action plan are in place for 2011. There is a new member, Sandra Page for Chocolay Township.

Personnel Committee – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michicard: Complaints about the program’s discontinuation are still being received. A letter from a teacher stating that one student who was a Michicard user and Junior Teen Advisory Board member of the Program was also a big influence on his peers. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS / BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Artwork: A discussion was held regarding the Estate Sale of Kay Holman who has a Nita Engle original piece that was never reproduced. Eppensteiner advised that this was one of Engle’s earlier pieces and there is no copyright on the piece. Eppensteiner suggested the Board consider purchasing the piece from the Estate, and drafting an agreement with Engle in which Engle could limit the reproductions she would make from it, and allow PWPL to receive a percentage on the proceeds. Eppensteiner advised that the name of the piece is *Spring Thaw* and bidding will start at \$7,000. The Board did not take any action on this opportunity.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEXT MEETING

February 15, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Patrick
Secretary

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