

**PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 24, 2011**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Toni Eppensteiner, President
Dianne Patrick, Secretary
Lynn Moon
Dirk Van Osdol
Pamela Christensen, Library Director
Claire Rose, Deputy Director
Heather Steltenpohl, Administrative
Marlene Seelig, Finance Director
Caroline Jordan, Librarian

Absent: John Weber

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved with "Orders of Trespass" moved before Board Action Items. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Van Osdol moved and Moon supported the approval of the consent agenda as presented. Christensen noted that there has been no further communication from the angry MichiCard patron noted in MacDonald's report.

PWPL's insurance representative from VAST will be presenting at the April 2011 meeting.

It was suggested that Library Card gift certificates be highlighted in an upcoming newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Current financial reports were reviewed. There was discussion regarding utility expenditures.

ORDERS OF TRESPASS

Christensen reported on the current active trespass orders issued on behalf of Peter White Public Library. PWPL has 11 active orders. Christensen noted that PWPL held a Room at the Inn focus group. It went well but not all RATI guests attended. PWPL now has a computer card issued to RATI guests for six months that will require an orientation to receive.

Van Osdol noted he has received feedback from PWPL staff regarding the homeless patrons and also noted teen area issues.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Patron Pat Manning stated that PWPL is a tremendous success and a jewel of the UP but he has witnessed some behaviors of patrons at PWPL that disturb him and others. He is worried PWPL has gotten used to accepting unacceptable behavior.

Eppensteiner noted that orders of trespass are issued by the police when behavior is intolerable. PWPL can not prohibit people from coming to PWPL if they abide by the PWPL code of conduct. PWPL staff must treat all patrons alike.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2011/2012 Operating Budget – The proposed 2011/2012 operating budget was reviewed. Moon noted that PWPL is not at the 15% materials budget goal. Christensen noted that the current materials budget is not quite at 10%, but PWPL is able to meet patron needs through programs like the shared Great Lakes Digital Library online book collection. Moon moved and Patrick supported accepting the 2011/2012 operating budget as presented. Motion carried.

Marquette County Community Foundation Reports – The current report submitted by the MCCF was reviewed. After further discussion, Van Osdol moved and Moon supported requesting the maximum allowable disbursement from the PWPL MCCF fund. Motion carried.

Exhibit Policy – Van Osdol moved and Patrick supported to accept the recommendation of the Library Director to approve the PWPL Exhibit Policy as presented. Motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Universal Design Summit – Christensen reported that the Universal Design Symposium went very well with excellent presenters and decent attendance. The committee would like to hold the next symposium in fall 2012.

StoryCorps Reception and Interviews – StoryCorps will be at PWPL March 29 – 31. A reception will be held for the facilitators March 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the HMC Gallery. 32 people have agreed to take part in the interviews.

Township Visits – Christensen has brought the medal to recent township meetings and the City Commission for all to see.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rose noted that the Board should determine how to spend the \$10,000 IMLS award. After further discussion, Moon moved and Van Osdol supported purchasing and installing a ceiling-mounted projector for the community room with the IMLS award. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Advisory Committee – Christensen reported the TAC met in March. Sandra Page is the new Chocolate Township representative.

Personnel Committee – Christensen noted the AFSCME contract expires June 30, 2011. AFSCME would like Blue Cross Blue Shield rates before beginning negotiations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSIENSS/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Eppensteiner noted her term is up in May and a new Board member should be selected.

Van Osdol reported that he, Christensen, Rose and Steltenpohl recently attended a planned giving workshop presented by Pence Consulting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PWPL staff member Diana Menhennick suggested that the PWPL and RATI Boards meet to discuss the homeless problem in Marquette. She feels PWPL shouldn't be the only organization dealing with the issue.

Moon stated that she does not feel PWPL should take a leadership role in the homeless issue as it is not the mission of the library.

Van Osdol suggested that the RATI social worker meet with the PWPL Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Patrick
Secretary

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