

Irene S. Sweetkind Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2009

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of the Irene S. Sweetkind Public Library (Library) was called to order at 9:40 a. m. at the Library at 6515-B Hoochaneetsa Blvd. by Chair Cindy Eakin

Roll Call

Board Members—Dorothy McDonald, Kathyne Anson, and Claralyn Howard were present in the Library. Cindy Eakin was present by telephone. Phyllis Orbaugh was absent.

Ex Officio Member Mary Badarak, Library Director, was absent.
Mary Wheeler, Town Administrator arrived during the course of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed minutes of March 31, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda

The previously distributed and posted Agenda was unanimously approved..

Treasurer's Report

The March financials were unanimously approved

Chair Report

None

Library Director's Report

Report on Meeting with Sandoval County Bond auditor

In Mary Badarak's absence Claralyn Howard reported on the April 6, 2009 meeting with Mary Jo Trujillo held in the town offices. Mary Badarak, Mary Wheeler and Claralyn were present. County Manager Juan Vigil is taking the position that the language of the ballot measure prohibits the use of 2007 county bond funds for capital improvements. The county is reviewing all libraries' expenditures. We were the second to be audited. The review of our expenditures to date fell within the new guidelines; however, no future remodeling expenditures for materials and labor deemed "capital improvements" would be considered appropriate. All of the bond proceeds are under the control of the town and Library Board: the county could request the return of any funds that it believes are inappropriately spent. Mary Wheeler and Mary Badarak both pointed to prior bond fund usage (where the ballot language was identical) and the language of the contract agreement between the county and town in which "improvements" were a permitted use. Ms. Trujillo responded that Mr. Vigil would be seeking to modify that agreement. Mary Wheeler and Mary Badarak expressed doubt that it could be done unilaterally.

Proposed 2009-2019 Budget

Mary Badarak had provided Board members with a proposed budget for the next fiscal year as well as a narrative detailing sources and uses of expected revenues. In light of the meeting with Ms. Trujillo the new budget reflects using \$13,600 of the county bond funds for uses permitted under the county's new interpretation. This aggressive allocation recognizes that all bond money must be used by June 30, 2011 or the remainder returned to the county.

Mary Wheeler joined the meeting with updated information regarding LCAA income and salary expenses.

Following discussion of the proposed budget the Board unanimously approved it.

Old Business

The Board's request that Kathryne Anson be reappointed to another two year term has been forwarded to the Assembly and favorable action is anticipated at the April 29th Assembly Meeting.

Other

The next regular Board meeting will be July 21, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Library. Subsequent meetings will be held on October 20, 2009; January 19, 2010; and April 20, 2010

It was agreed that Claralyn Howard would meet with Freda Donica to discuss with her our new By-laws and request a change in Ordinance 1974-7 which would eliminate the two consecutive terms limitation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Cindy Eakin at 10:25 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claralyn O. Howard,
Secretary