

HARVEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S BOARD MINUTES  
March 13, 2008

President Julius Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Julius Patterson, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver, Brenda Thompson, Barbara Fields, Marion Beck, Eric Patterson, and Annette Turner

Absent:

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

President Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2008 and was seconded by Trustee Patterson.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Julius Patterson, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver, Barbara Fields, Marion Beck, Eric Patterson, Brenda Thompson, and Annette Turner

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Review of Bills and Accounts:

President Patterson made the motion to approve the bills for March 12, 2008 and was seconded by Trustee Kellogg-Weaver.

Trustee Turner asked that the legal fees be tabled. President Patterson stated that the attorney fees needed to be paid if a service was provided.

Trustee Thompson asked why were there two tape recorders and Trustee Turner responded that as a secretary she was also able to record meetings.

Trustee Turner stated that the attorney was paid \$3000 in January. Director Kalman stated that the charges were from two bills that were combined.

Trustee Thompson asked was a check signed for the amount of \$3000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Julius Patterson, Barbara Fields, and Joyce Kellogg-Weaver

Nays: Annette Turner

Absent:

Abstain: Marion Beck, Eric Patterson, and Brenda Thompson

Motion Carried.

Director Kalman pointed out that our Selection Policy needs to be reviewed every two years.

Director Kalman stated that the Phoenix Library would like to renew their contract for three years with no changes.

President Patterson asked when the current contract ends and Director Kalman responded in July. President Patterson stated that the contract should be reviewed by committee.

Director Kalman stated that he contacted Governors State University in regards to hiring an intern for accounting practices and they have not yet responded.

Trustee Patterson stated that he is pleased that all the water fountains are working properly.

Trustee Kellogg-Weaver announced that DVDs were ordered and board members were not aware that the items had been ordered.

Trustee Turner stated that she did not think it was a good idea to order lecture DVDs when there was a need for more books. Director Kalman responded that the DVDs were on sale and he believed it to be good items to purchase.

Trustee Patterson stated that he did not believe that the DVDs would circulate often.

President Patterson stated that it is the trustee's role to set policies and the director's role to oversee day to day operations. Also, he stated that if the trustees would like to implement a policy concerning ordering materials than it could be addressed.

Trustee Thompson stated that there may be a great need for the lecture DVDs and maybe the items were not marketed properly.

Trustee Turner stated that the items were not marketed and it isn't feasible to have ordered the items due to the library not being able to afford them.

Trustee Fields stated that the items that were purchased appear to be beneficial and interesting.

Director Kalman stated that since he listed the DVD purchase on the itemized list of bills to pay for the month of February and there were no objections or questions concerning the bill that it would not be a problem with ordering the material.

Trustee Beck stated that the board could not micromanage the library by determining what materials can be purchased. She added that the items seem to be interesting and that the items may appeal to residents.

President Patterson stated that the biggest concern regarding the purchase was the financial implications. He stated that in the future if there is a costly purchase to take it to committee prior to ordering.

President Patterson stated that Director Kalman should meet with the policy committee prior to circulating the DVDs to ensure that everyone is on one accord.

President Patterson asked the trustee's to review their calendars in order to determine a date to schedule the Trustee Workshop.

Trustee Beck stated that she would be happy to attend the workshop. However, she added that conduct at the meetings did not need to include bickering and fighting and some issues should be addressed prior to the meeting to ensure that the meetings were not extended longer than necessary.

Trustee Turner stated that there was an author that would like to do a book signing on April 26, 2008 from 11:30-3:30. Trustee Beck stated that author was a part of a good organization.

Trustee Turner stated that the alderman would like to conduct a training session that would assist individuals in education others about HIV. President Patterson stated that if the event was open to the public than it would be allowed.

President Patterson asked for audience participation.

Geraldine Harris stated that she visited the library on the previous Tuesday and was appalled at the conditions. She stated that there were children using profanity loudly. She noticed a security guard station but didn't observe any security guards nearby. She added that a security guard appeared and escorted some of the children out. He then left again and the remaining children continued to misbehave. Upon his return, she had a brief conversation with the security guard concerning the level of noise and his reply was that she must didn't like kids and the library was a safe place for children to attend.

President Patterson apologized to Ms. Harris and stated that her issue would be addressed tonight. He also stated that if she had any future complaints that she could speak to Director Kalman and Assistant Director Marie McFarland. He then thanked her for attending the meeting.

Trustee Turner told Ms. Harris her that she appreciated her for coming to the meeting.

President Patterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm and was seconded by Trustee Patterson.

Roll Call Vote:           Ayes:           Julius Patterson, Annette Turner, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver, Marion Beck, Eric Patterson, Brenda Thompson, and Barbara Fields

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.