

HARVEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S BOARD MINUTES
March 8, 2012

President Turner called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

Members Present: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

A quorum was present and Director Jay Kalman.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: President Turner made the motion to approve the previous month's minutes and was seconded by Treasurer Price.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

Motion Carried.

Review of Bills and Accounts: Treasurer Price then made the motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Trustee Kellogg-Weaver.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report: Just a reminder that we need to move quickly to make the State Grant's deadline of April 16. President Turner would like everything done by the first of April if possible. Trustee Kellogg-Weaver wanted to know if this grant has to be for a new building or to renovate an existing one. This needs to be clarified. Trustee Price would like to see this building extended and President Turner also likes this idea. President Turner will make a phone call to Springfield to clarify the matter. President Turner reminded everyone that we will have to have money ready to be spent and then we will be reimbursed by the State. But we need to get everything shovel ready.

Report of Trustees/Committees:

Building & Grounds: Report submitted as is. This report has been done wrong and we need to get it corrected.

Finance: Finance:	Account balances:	Vendors	\$15,841.52
		Gift Account	\$5,440.48
		Special Reserve	\$22.46
		IL General Funds	\$754,330.20
		Expense Acct.	\$2,805.68

As submitted by Treasurer Price.

Policy: This report is tabled as we need to make a date for a special meeting on next Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 4:30pm.

Planning: Trustee Fields was thinking it was time to give the Director the authority to go after the grant. We also need to be looking at plots of land, get a soil analysis and move on everything quickly.

Trustee Price reminded everyone that dealing with land that the Park District owns and wants to sell, we automatically put Trustee Eric Patterson in a conflict of interest position because he is on the Park District Board. He would not be able to vote on this issue and it would still be considered a conflict of interest. President Turner has checked into this statement and that most of this current sitting Board sits on two Boards and that what Trustee Price has said is true. It was asked if he abstained from voting on the matter would that still be a conflict of interest. Trustee Price said if anyone said anything he could be removed from office. Trustee Price also said that 85 people holding positions in Cook County are sitting on two boards according to the Chicago Tribune.

Unfinished Business: Youth Services Policy changes – The Youth Services Librarian has suggested another change to the YS Unsupervised Children’s Policy that was already voted on. This is a proposal that younger children be allowed to come to programs. President Turner asked Trustees to read this proposal and we will table it until the April meeting.

President Turner informed the public in attendance that the Board was now going into executive session to discuss finances for the building project, what we can afford and land. She also informed them that they could not vote on anything in executive session only discuss and when they come out of executive session they could vote on what was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:55pm.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:29pm.

Members Present: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Fields made the following motion “I, Barbara Fields, as a matter of record, I make the motion to apply for the Library Construction Grant Shovel Ready Project in the amount of \$16,225,000.00, in which the Harvey Public Library District will be responsible for only 25% or approximately four (4) million dollars and that the State of Illinois will be responsible for the remaining \$12 million dollars. If we do not receive this grant we will rethink the project and its associated costs.” The motion was seconded by President Turner.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

Motion Carried.

New Business: Library Lawyer – Resumes were handed out to Trustees tonight and one was received in your mailboxes from Christopher Clark. We need to know their rates of which one has already sent us an email on their rates. President Turner tabled this matter until a special meeting could take place on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 6pm to decide on a lawyer.

Audience Participation:

Aileen Givens, Harvey, IL, came into see what was going on and if the Board was going to apply for the Grant. President Turner acknowledged her, said yes we were and thanked her for coming to the meeting this evening.

James McDonough of Elgin, IL, (a construction manager) brought the grant application rules from the State in for the Board. He also informed the Trustees that the State pays out in a four payment system. When the project is 30% done, 60%, 90% and 100% done. He also said that you don't have to own the land right away, but you have 90 days from the time the State Library tells you that you are eligible for the grant. Then you need to acquire the title for the site but extensions will be granted if the Public Library in case and which there are reasonable expectations that the Public Library will be able to acquire the site. Applications are due April 16, 2012, construction must commence 140 days after the effective date of the grant contract. So from the time the grant is submitted in April till the time that the grant is approved you will have an additional 60 – 90 days. In all approximately 200 days from April 16 in which to break ground. Mr. McDonough also informed the Board an acre of land is 43,000 square feet, you will need at least 3 to 4 acres of land to construct a building, parking lot and landscaping, and provide for growth potential in the future.

Pastor LeRoy Jones, 140 E. 155th St, Harvey, IL informed the Board that he has the church across the street from us and that he is just as land locked as we are. He also has some land at 145th and Oakley he would like to sell to us if we are interested.

Mary Jennings of Harvey, IL, just wanted to know what was going on.

Willie Jones, 14931 Western, Harvey, IL has been coming to the library for 32 years and just wanted to know what was going on and to inform us on what a good CD collection we have and that he wants to post a flyer on some free golf clubs he has and that there are both adult and children's clubs to be given away. President Turner thanked Mr. Jones for using the library all of those years and coming to tonight's meeting.

April King-Smith, 15440 Marshfield, Harvey, She has been coming to the library for 38 years and appreciates everyone here and the good job they do. She also asked if anyone knew of a homeless shelter in Harvey. She has some clothes, both men and women's, she would like to donate to. She doesn't want to give them to Restoration Ministries as they will charge for them she wants the people to get them free.

President Turner made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Trustee Price.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barbara Fields, Keith Price, Joyce Kellogg-Weaver and Annette Turner.

Absent: Roberta Patterson, Eric Patterson and Marion Beck.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.