

November 8, 2018

Finance Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Roberta Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:XXpm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, Tamika Price, and Roberta Patterson

Absent: William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Harris stated information is incomplete; we cannot continue sitting on this board and receive incomplete information about the financial status of this board. Trustee Harris stated her concern about the District paying for a private individual putting on programs at the library - buying ingredients and supplies and reimbursing the person, Carmen Holmes, for her business. Trustee Harris stated, we are using taxpayers monies and charging recipients for her presentation.

Trustee Harris stated a Thanksgiving event should not take place at the library because it is a political endeavor. She named Julius C. Patterson is a candidate in the City of Harvey and believed it to be unfair to the citizens of Harvey to use the library for the event. President Patterson stated it is not fact that the event is political, the person is an individual, legally able to rent the room. Trustee Ervin asked about the person the event would honor. President Patterson went on to ask for questions about the finances of the library. Trustee Ervin asked about park district issues, President Patterson interjected this is a library meeting, with no concern about the park district.

Secretary Price questioned Trustee Harris's comment about Carmen Holmes and the purchase of goods and requested more detail from the interim director. Interim director explained that the program was held in October, "Home Remedies", where the library purchased a number of items and Carmen Holmes purchased items that were more convenient for her to pick up. The library reimbursed Ms. Holmes for the items, which she purchased; she was not paid for her services and was not paid to present the program. Interim director explained that at the beginning of her term, the Board discussed that the library needed revenue and this was one program believed to be useful for the patrons; Ms. Holmes is very knowledgeable in the topic. In addition, other libraries also charge for different programs; not all library programs are free.

Trustee Ervin asked if her profits would be shared with the library. Interim director explained that the program increased foot traffic; it was one of the largest attended programs to date. Ms. Holmes did not benefit from the program; she shared her knowledge on the topic. Ms.

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Holmes did not charge for the program. Secretary Price extended her thanks to Ms. Holmes for volunteering her time for the program.

Trustee Harris questioned why the patrons were charged for the program. Interim director repeated that the program was a way to increase revenue; the money accepted that night only covered the cost of products. Trustee Harris asked for a line-by-line listing of items used for the program, instead of bundled amounts to know exactly what is spent and who benefits. Trustee Harris asked where she can find the information and the interim director explained the amounts appear on a previous month's Sam's Club/Walmart bill.

A disagreement among the trustees ensued about the relevancy of Trustee Harris's questions concerning line items, Trustee Harris abruptly left the meeting. The meeting ended due to lack of a quorum at 6:32pm.