

Warren-Newport Public Library District
Lake County, Illinois
Board of Trustees

Susan K. Niemi, President
Nancy E. Sheldon, Vice-President
Steven J. Weinberg, Treasurer
Thomas J. Colwell, Secretary

Nancy Jackson
Laurie Styracula
J. Socrates Rivers

Regular Meeting
November 24, 2008

Call to Order

President Niemi called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Trustees present: Colwell, Jackson, Niemi, Rivers, Sheldon, Styracula, and Weinberg.

Trustees absent: None.

Also present: Director Stephen Bero, Recording Secretary Mary Thacker, Assistant Director Noreen Reese, WNPL staff members Janice Marsh, Patty Sawin, and Paula Pena, Pioneer Press reporter Korrina Grom, and Donna Fletcher and Larry Hammond of Research Marketing Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda for:

- a. Secretary's report: Approval of minutes as received.
 1. Regular meeting of October 21, 2008.
- b. Acceptance of Financial Statements for October 2008.
- c. Acceptance of the Director's Report for November 2008.
- d. Acceptance of the Patron Suggestions for October 2008.

Trustee Colwell moved and Trustee Jackson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed above. The motion carried on a roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Colwell, Jackson, Niemi, Rivers, Sheldon, Styracula, and Weinberg.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

President's Report

President Niemi commended Trustee Styracula on her participation in the Recycle-O-Rama. President Niemi asked for comments from those Trustees

who attended the Diversity Council's in-service, "A Framework for Understanding Poverty." A thank you note from Gail Dever to the Board was passed among the Trustees.

Reports of Other Trustees

Trustees Jackson, Rivers, Sheldon and Styracula attended the Diversity Council's in-service on November 5, 2008, at the Warren Township Center. Comments reflected that it was a dynamic presentation, well attended and very insightful. Director Bero will follow-up on obtaining a copy of the book used, "A Framework for Understanding Poverty."

New Business

Trustee Sheldon moved and Trustee Weinberg seconded that the agenda be amended to go directly to Item XII.c., the presentation of the community survey results by Donna Fletcher. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Subject: Presentation of the results of the community survey.

Donna Fletcher and Larry Hammond of Library Survey Consultants (Donna E. Fletcher Consulting, Inc.) presented the results of the community survey conducted in October 2008 and the Board accepted the firm's final report.

Correspondence, Communications, and public comments.

There was no written correspondence or other communications, and no comments were made by the public.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Weinberg moved and Trustee Rivers seconded that the bills payable for November 2008 and payroll for October 2008 be approved for payment. The motion carried on a roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Colwell, Jackson, Niemi, Rivers, Sheldon, Styracula, and Weinberg.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Reports of Standing Committees

Building & Grounds – Meeting of November 20, 2008

Trustee Colwell gave an oral update of the written committee report.

Progress report on the long-range plan

Director Bero reported that progress continued to be made in providing the necessary data (community survey, facilities needs assessment) to the Board to

enable them to make an informed decision. Work on the proposed Foundation is currently on hold.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Rivers moved and Trustee Weinberg seconded that the revision to the wage scale policy be adopted as presented. The motion carried on a roll-call vote as follows.

Ayes: Jackson, Niemi, Rivers, Sheldon, Styracula, and Weinberg.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Colwell.

Absent: None.

New Business

Subject: Ordinance 2008/2009-4 Annual Levy for fiscal year 2008-2009

Trustee Sheldon moved and Trustee Weinberg seconded that Ordinance 2008/2009-4, Annual Levy, be adopted as presented. The motion carried on a roll-call vote as follows:

Ayes: Colwell, Jackson, Niemi, Rivers, Sheldon, Styracula, and Weinberg.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Subject: Annual treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements for fiscal year 2007/2008.

Director Bero provided copies to the Board of the Annual Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Announcements

1. By the chair

a. Communications to the public

There were no communications to the public.

b. Upcoming calendar

i. Next regular board meeting: December 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

ii. Next committee meetings

- Finance, December 11, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
- Personnel, December 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
- Policy, December 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
- Building and Grounds, December 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

2. By other trustees or the director

a. Bookmobile Dedication, December 7, 2008

- b. Board “Soup and Salad” Luncheon, January 29, 2009. Trustee Rivers will head the ad hoc committee organizing this event.
- c. ILA Library Trustee Forum 2009 Workshop, February 28, 2009. Trustee Weinberg indicated an interest in attending.

Adjournment

Trustee Weinberg moved and Trustee Jackson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote.

President Niemi adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Colwell
Secretary

Mary Ann Thacker
Recording Secretary