Board of Library Trustees April 16, 2013 Minutes

Present:

Kip Hine, President
Karen Eggert, Vice President
Rene Cunningham
Celeste Fort
Nick Garrett
JR Mathers
Terese Wells
Patricia Hofmann, Director, Acting as Recorder

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Hine at 12:15 pm.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were sent to the Trustees by email by Ms. Hofmann. Ms. Wells moved to accept and Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor.

Minutes of the special meeting held on April 1, 2013 were sent to the Trustees by email by Ms. Hofmann. Ms. Eggert moved to accept and Mr. Mathers seconded the motion. All in favor.

President's Report

President Hine had no report.

Director's Report

FY 2013 Budget

Ms. Hofmann distributed the current FY 2013 budget to the Trustees.

FY 2014 Budget

Ms. Hofmann distributed the Staff Recommended FY 2014 budget to the Trustees. Ms. Wells attended the budget hearing on behalf of the library and reported on the hearing.

Incident Reports

Ms. Hofmann reported on three incidents that took place since the last meeting. At Fairview, a woman locked her grandchild and keys in the car. A police officer unlocked the door and all was fine. Two of the incidents involved children speaking too loudly at Twin Beaches. Staff handled all incidents appropriately.

Comments

The library received a positive email from a grandmother who brought her visiting grandson to storytime. Two other comments were received since the last meeting, relating to library staff.

Cleaning Contract – Southern

Ms. Hofmann noted that the Southern Branch cleaning contract has been awarded to Advanced Cleaning. The County is in process of handling the paperwork.

Cleaning Contract – Prince Frederick

Ms. Hofmann relayed that the Prince Frederick cleaning contract is in process. The low bidder is Shine Bright Finishings.

Summer Reading Theme

The summer reading theme is "Dig Into Reading." Much work has gone into preparing an exciting and rewarding summer program.

Old Business

Southern Branch

Progress of construction was reported by Ms. Hofmann. Ceiling tile and lights are installed. The ceramic floor is installed in the restrooms. The VCT tile is installed. The doorway is framed. The north side of the building is being repainted to improve the appearance which had been marred by installation of windows, doors and the book drop. The carpet production was later than expected and while we thought it might hold up progress for about two weeks, at this point it appears that we will have carpet in time to meet the dedication/opening date. Shelving will start to be installed on April 30. Books will be moved on May 6. The circulation desk and other furniture will be installed on May 7. The systems furniture for staff may be installed at any time, as the vinyl floor is installed. The County staff will help with the move from May 8 – 10.

The Donor Reception, provided by the Foundation is May 17.

Southern Branch – Bus Stop

Ms. Hofmann has spoken to Maureen Hoffman, Community Resources Director, about the bus stop. Ms. Hofmann informed Ms. Hoffman about the concerns expressed by the Trustees. Currently, the busses are stopping right in front of the library. There is the appearance of loitering and a concern that smoke and exhaust will get into the building. There is also a lot of litter. Ms. Hoffman discussed the situation with Sandy Wobbleton, Public Transportation. Ms. Hoffmann, Ms. Hoffman, and Ms. Wobbleton agreed to move the bus stop further south, trying to take into account the needs of handicapped customers, seniors, and the Trustees. Upon hearing this, the Trustees agreed to evaluate this new bus stop over the next few months. They noted that trash cans are still needed.

Southern Branch - Dedication

The Dedication is May 21. Irene Padilla, the State Librarian, has agreed to be one of our speakers.

Library Director Position

Interviews are taking place today, before and after the board meeting.

New Business

Trustee By-Laws

The Board discussed a proposed modification to their by-laws. Mr. Mathers moved that the Trustees create a Secretary position among the board members. Ms. Cunningham seconded. Six were in favor, with one opposed (Mr. Garrett.) All members were present and notified that the vote on the bylaws change will be at the next meeting.

Southern Branch Paving Closure

The Southern Branch will be closed on April 20, as the entire parking lot will be re-paved. They will reopen on Monday, April 22.

Reports

Friends of the Library

The Friends will hold an outdoor book sale on May18, 9 am to 3 pm, at Prince Frederick.

SMRLA

President Hine reported that at the last meeting they received a presentation on wireless and the status of the ILS (Integrated Library System) project, which is on schedule.

Foundation

In addition to the Donor's Reception at Southern, an Art Auction is being planned. It will take place in June.

Announcements/Other

The date for the next meeting was changed. It will be on May 14, 2:00 pm, at Prince Frederick.

Important Dates:

May 4 – Margie Rhoden's Retirement Party

May 17 – Foundation Donor Reception

May 21 – 3:00 pm, Interim Southern Branch Dedication

June 22 – Pat Hofmann's Retirement Party

Next Meeting



Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hofmann