

Shaker Heights Library Board of Trustees

April 14, 2008

Present: J. Allen; C. Anderson; K. McGovern, chairman; K. Miller; D. Whyte

Absent: D. Hutt; J. Shatten

Also present: L. Dickinson, executive director; D. Piskac, clerk-treasurer; E. Rossman, interim branch manager; L. Miller, interim main library manager

Mr. McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The oath of office was administered to Chad Anderson, newly appointed to the Board of Trustees. Following the approval of the minutes of the March 10 meeting, the board approved a revision of the bylaws, changing the title of clerk-treasurer to fiscal officer.

Margaret Simon, in charge of public relations for the Library, presented a PowerPoint depiction of the many aspects of her job, from press relations to advertising for the levy campaigns to promoting special activities.

Presenting his financial statements, Mr. Piskac pointed out that year-to-date revenues are down compared to this month last year, largely because state income tax revenue will not be received until December. The interest on the Library's investments in Star Ohio has gone down from 4.25% in January to 2.98% in March. The financial statements were approved. Also approved were changes in Anthem employee health insurance and health reimbursement account costs. These were approved to be set up by Fifth Third Bank.

In his report, Mr. Dickinson reminded the board that in April we celebrate National Library Week, 2008 being the 50th anniversary of National Library Week. He reported that a funding formula for Cuyahoga County public libraries has been proposed, based on population, under which nobody would "lose." The County system would gain. Shaker's loss, at 0.4%, would be about \$2,400. Cleveland's loss is about 6.5%. All nine library systems would have to adopt the plan. The board approved the formula.

Mr. Dickinson presented a youth development initiative called Shaker Prevention Council, a \$175,000 proposal, which would encompass planning south of Van Aken Boulevard. Mr. Dickinson concluded by indicating that he would like to see one full-time security person at the Main Library instead of three part-time employees (the current situation).

Finally, gifts totaling \$451 were accepted and appropriated to the designated funds. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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