

Shaker Heights Library Board of Trustees

May 12, 2008

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

Absent: K. Miller

Also present: L. Dickinson, executive director; D. Piskac, clerk-treasurer; E. Rossman, interim branch manager; L. Miller, interim Main Library manager; S. Schiller, adult services manager

Mr. McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day parade, inviting those who would be available to join him in the convertible. The April minutes were approved.

Presenting the financial statements, Mr. Piskac noted no concerns when comparing the figures to last year's revenues and expenses, indicating that most of the differences were due to the timing of allocations, and that the decrease in expenditures can be attributed mainly to current staff changes and vacancies. The financial statements, the 2009 tax budget and the 2008 bond expenditures schedule (including computer enhancements and 20 lounge chairs for the first floor at Main) were approved.

In his report, Mr. Dickinson noted that this is his third anniversary with the Shaker Library and his "third of a century" anniversary of library work. In his written statement, he described the Library's grant application (together with the city, school system, Youth Center, Family Center, Bellefaire, neighborhood associations and churches) to the Cleveland Foundation for funding through its youth development initiative program. He described the internet enhancements about to be implemented, which will provide for more than three times the current capacity. Planning is underway for the use of the unfinished section of the Main Library second floor; the public restrooms will be renovated this summer.

Mr. Dickinson distributed a chart showing the precinct results for the recent library levy, which passed in all precincts in both Shaker Heights and the Cleveland portion of the District. He noted that Bertram Woods had received an environmental award for its recycling program, which had resulted in the collection of 57 tons of paper in 2007. He noted that 52% of the circulation during the winter was in non-print materials; books usually increase in the summer, and he anticipates an eventual tie.

Mr. Dickinson said that meetings with Jeanne Goodrich, the Library's consultant, were continuing and that recommendations are anticipated regarding a full-time security guard, automated check-out and some organizational adjustments. He asked that the title "clerk-treasurer" be changed to fiscal officer. Motion carried. Gifts totaling \$689 were accepted.

Finally, board members discussed and recommended that plans get underway for the summer, with appropriate signage indicating student pick-up areas and restrictions for loitering near the doors. (There was mixed reaction to the music at the front door.) The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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