



Auburn Hills Public Library

APPROVED
AUBURN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES FOR July 28, 2009

Location: Small Meeting Room, Auburn Hills Public Library
3400 E. Seyburn Drive
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

1. **Call to Order:** President B. Sanders called the meeting to order at 3:59 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Sanders, Nelson Phillips, Deanna Rohe, Gretchen Thams and Ben Sebrowski. Also present: Karrie Waarala, Library Director and Jean Smiley, Library Administrative Assistant. **Absent:** Paul Landsberg
4. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

Motion by D. Rohe to approve the Library Board meeting minutes of June 23, 2009.
Supported by N. Phillips.

Vote: Yes: Phillips, Sanders, Rohe, Thams and Sebrowski
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

5. **Financial Officer's Report:**
 - (a) Library Director, K. Waarala gave the financial report in P. Landsberg's absence. K. Waarala reported that as of June 30, 2009 total liabilities and fund balance is \$1,596,210. Total revenues YTD are \$1,452,000. Total expenditures YTD are \$690,567. Fund balance YTD is \$1,508,792.
6. **Public Comments:** None
7. **Library Director's Report:** Ms. Waarala asked if there were any questions regarding her written report that was included in the Board packets.
 - (a) Discussion ensued regarding Governor Granholm's Executive Order on July 13, 2009 calling for the dismantling of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. B. Sanders asked what Ms. Waarala thought the impact was of the State Library being disbursed. K. Waarala stated that she thought it would be devastating. B. Sanders asked if the staff would be let go. K. Waarala stated that the staff would be disbursed. With the disbursement of the staff, there would be no one to administer state aid or federal grants. Mr. Sebrowski stated that the Library of Michigan assists all public libraries to function. D. Rohe asked K. Waarala if she would draft a letter for the Board

members to send to their representatives. K. Waarala said she would. K. Waarala stated that the TLN Director, Jim Pletz suggested that a concentrated effort be made in getting a Librarian appointed to the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board. B. Sanders asked if this was an executive decision rather than an act of the legislature. K. Waarala confirmed that it was an executive order. D. Rohe asked what it meant that Mel and MelCat would be unsustainable. K. Waarala stated that the statewide interlibrary loan would be gone as well as Mel.org which gives library users access to many databases that are available through joint purchasing via grants. B. Sanders asked what the projected financial savings is as a result of dispersing the Library of Michigan. K. Waarala said it was unknown. B. Sebrowski stated that the bulk of the State Library's collection would be going to Michigan State University. B. Sanders asked if this would threaten AHPL's cooperative. K. Waarala said that AHPL receives about \$12,000 in state aid and that our expenses would potentially go up dramatically because each library would have to pay individually for all the shared system benefits if TLN lost state aid. K. Waarala stated that AHPL's 2010 budget will have to be planned very conservatively.

8. **Committee Reports:** None

9. **New Business:**

- (a) The Library Board members were given a copy of the proposed addition to the Library By-Laws, Article II. Section 2 in regards to a Board Member leaving before his/her term is completed. K. Waarala asked the Board Members to look it over and suggested that it be voted on at the August Board meeting.
- (b) Changes to The Child Safety and Well-Being Policy were discussed.

Motion by D. Rohe to approve the changes to the Child Safety and Well-Being Policy as presented. Supported by G. Thams.

Vote: Yes: Phillips, Rohe, Thams, Sanders and Sebrowski.

No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

10. **Ongoing Business**

- (a) D. Rohe reported that the Oakland County Board of Trustees dinner that took place on June 24, 2009 was very nice. The website, engagepatrons.org, was suggested as a valuable resource to patrons. B. Sanders stated that the Oakland County Trustees voted to give the Oakland County Library collection and personnel to The Cooley Law School.

11. **Adjournment:**

Motion by D. Rohe to adjourn the meeting. Supported by G. Thams.

Vote: Yes: Phillips, Rohe, Thams, Sanders and Sebrowski.

No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by:

J. Smiley, Administrative Assistant

For N. Phillips, Secretary