Evanston Public Library
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 16, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Library Board Room


Members Absent: Susan Newman

Staff Present: Mary Johns, Library Director; Connie Heneghan, Branch Manager

Guests Present: Michael Tannen, Mary Rosinski, Lori Keenan, Ellen Newcomer, Trish Stieglitz, and Cheryl Chamberlain

Call to Order

Karen Terry called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Dona Gerson moved and Christopher Stewart seconded.

MSP—Approval of the May 19, 2010 minutes of the Library Board.

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

Request to accept the Task Force on Sustainable Funding Final Report to be presented to City Council June 28, 2010.

Dona Gerson moved and Gail Bush seconded.

Motion and second withdrawn.

Read, discussed and edited the report.

Request to accept the Task Force on Sustainable Funding Final Report as amended, to be presented to City Council June 28, 2010.

Dona Gerson moved and Gail Bush seconded.

MSP—Acceptance of the Task Force on Sustainable Funding Final Report as amended to be presented to City Council June 28, 2010.

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
Resolved to thank the members of the task force (Karen Terry, Susan Newman, Michael Tannen, Lori Keenan, Ellen Newcomer, Marcia Mahoney, and Evan Westerfield) for their service to the library and the community.

Christopher Stewart moved and Lynette Murphy seconded.

MSP—Approved a resolution to thank the members of the task force for their hard work and service to the library and the community.

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dona Gerson moved and Diane Allen-Jacobi seconded a request to disband the task force.

MSP—Approved the motion to disband the task force.

Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**Friends Update—Board Liaison**

Lori Keenan described the following activities of the Friends:

EPL Friends book sale July 15, 16, and 17. Preview for EPLF members or $25 fee on July 15.

Noodles benefit yielded a donation of 25% of their sales.

Marilyn Price puppet show for 40 children despite downpour on June 12th.

EPL Friends received 501(c) 3 status on June 11th.

Sent out emails about grant writing.

Currently have raised $100,000 and have 2,000 family memberships.

Tentative date of July 24th for Librarypalooza featuring local musicians.

Vocal Gymnasium July 23rd.

**President’s Report**

President Terry expressed appreciation for the experience and challenged the board regarding the work ahead. Karen was applauded by the trustees for her excellent service. Christopher Stewart reminded the board that Karen’s term continued through the end of June.

**Financial Report**

No additions to the report in the board packet.
Director’s Report

Mary reported that seven lap tops were received as part of a Gates Foundation grant. The City will be replacing all wireless access points in the main library and upgrading some network equipment as well as replacing 26 computers. Mary showed a falcon tee shirt (available for $10) and noted that the falcon watchers group had raised funds to purchase a new falcon camera. The library’s book sale is scheduled for July 23-25. Mary Witt of NSLS indicated that delivery would continue through Oct. 1st. Without contributing we could receive delivery two days per week. With the contribution we would receive delivery 5 days per week. NSLS library directors are looking at other options. Mary Johns, Rick Kinnebrew and Juliette Swett attended the Brummel Park Fair. Mary asked Fenton Booth to extend the South Branch lease through August and possibly beyond. He was agreeable. Jeff Schoenberg and Mayor Tisdahl will hold a press conference regarding a partnership proposal on Monday, June 21st. Evanston 150 preview on June 2nd. Budget process begins in mid July. The intent is to move to a calendar year making the 2011 budget a ten-month budget. The city has hired a Fund Development Officer who will be available to work with the library. 40 children signed up for the Summer Reading Game at Fleetwood-Jourdain on Tuesday. We will be visiting Robert Crown on Thursday. This is in addition to the 1800 children registered for the Summer Reading Game (1200 at Main, 400 at North Branch and 200 at South Branch). 150 have signed up for Loft summer reading. Mary spoke with Lionel Jean-Baptiste, Delores Holms and Liz Tisdahl about a summer reading station at the Evanston Plaza. The staff is preparing an inventory of outreach including summer outreach.

New Business

Mary Johns requested that the Saturday morning opening time for The Loft be changed from 9:00am to 11:00am for the summer.

Lynette Murphy moved. Brooke Roothan seconded.

MSP—Approved a change in the Saturday opening time in the Loft from 9:00am to 11:00am. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Election of Officers

Slate: President—Christopher Stewart
Vice-President—Susan Newman
Secretary—Diane Allen-Jacobi

Dona Gerson moved. Lynette Murphy seconded.

MSP—Approval of the proposed slate of officers: Christopher Stewart, President; Susan Newman, Vice-President; and Diane Allen-Jacobi, Secretary.
Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Heneghan, Branch Manager
Evanston Public Library