MEETING MINUTES
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
6:30 PM
Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Board Room

Members Present: Diane Allen, Michael Tannen, Benjamin Schapiro, and Leora Siegel

Members Absent: Tori Foreman, Margaret Lurie, Vaishali Patel, and Sandra Smith

Staff: Karen Danczak Lyons, Paul Gottschalk, Marcy Jenkins

Presiding Member: Michael Tannen, President

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM – In the absence of a quorum President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT - None

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS – There will be a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, August 20th.

NEW BUSINESS
Discussion of Proposed 2015 Budget – Director Danczak Lyons explained that due to delays in the conversion to the City of Evanston’s New World financial management system, 2014 data is not yet available for making reliable projections for 2015, but efforts are underway to verify the information and numbers will be available to meet the Budget deadlines for City approval.

Three areas will require important decisions for 2015:

1. Capital improvements – the 2015 plan and longer term goals and how they will be funded.

2. The Affordable Care Act – 8 Library employees are currently working 30 hours or more, and will be added to the health insurance plans. The average employee insurance cost is approximately $15,000 per year, so the ACA insurance may cost as much as $120,000.

3. Library service to the West Side of Evanston:

   a. The Robert Crown Center – architect renderings are scheduled to be available in September, and the City will be issuing an RFP for fundraising assistance for raising money for the space, including the Library branch.
b. BooCoo – the City is considering taking over the space, and it may include library services.

c. Evanston Township High School – serving teens and families at the High School – currently planning on participating in the new and transfer student orientations August 18 and 19 – and interested in expanding support for students with low reading levels and promoting family literacy.

In addition to general project plans and budget projections, the Director will provide maps of current and projected library services and other details at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** -- Diane Allen moved to adjourn the meeting, Leora Siegel seconded the motion, and motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

RespectfullySubmitted,

Michael Tannen, President

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm in EPL Board Room