MEETING MINUTES
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
6:30 PM
Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Board Room

Members Present: Socorro Clarke, Tori Foreman, Shawn Iles, Benjamin Schapiro, Leora Siegel, Sandra Smith, Michael Tannen

Members Absent: Margaret Lurie, Vaishali Patel

Staff: Karen Danczak Lyons, Paul Gottschalk, Jessica Ticus

Presiding Member: Michael Tannen, President

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present and President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. President Tannen asked Shawn Iles to assume role of Secretary in the absence of Margaret Lurie.

CITIZEN COMMENT – Patricia Groh, a representative from the Dobson- Brummel Park Association, was present to observe the budget conversation and voice concern that South Evanston was short-served by EPL. Pricilla Giles, member of the North Suburban Genealogical Society, was present to advocate that the EPL become the new home for the genealogy collection being deaccessioned from Winnetka Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the 2016 Proposed Budget: Karen Danczak Lyons reviewed the City of Evanston’s timeline for budget presentation and discussion. The City Council will vote on the budget Monday, November 23. Karen presented the attached memorandum:
- FY2016 Proposed Library Base Budget
- Recommended Adjustments for the FY2015 Proposed Base Budget
- FY2016 Library Proposed Budget – Personnel Costs

Karen provided context for reviewing the budget. The State of Illinois has not approved a budget so the anticipated Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Grant is in question. These funds are used by EPL for books and materials. AFSCME negotiated a 2.4% wage increase and this is reflected in the EPL personnel costs.

The Board felt the materials provided were adequate and did not need additional information. Members will read the materials and discuss at the September 16 Board Meeting.
B. Closed Session – the Board moved into a closed session of discussion of personnel matters at 7:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Iles