

**WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT
MARCH 24, 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
CREST HILL BRANCH**

RECOGNITION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES

The Board and Director Scott Pointon thanked guests Margaret Geib and Mary Lou Gist, participants in the White Oak Library District’s Strategic Planning Committees. The input provided by these committees provided valuable insights regarding the public’s perceptions of library services and suggestions on how the District can accommodate the changing needs of our communities.

A complete list of public participants in the planning committees is as follows: Nate Albert, Sharon Bruemmer, Margaret Geib, Marie Gerler, Mary Lou Gist, Jackie Gregory, Connie Hamot, Jean Liewald, Bette McCowan, Oscar and Angie Miranda, Donna Sample-Thompson, Willie Seals, Wendy Streit, Della Travis, and Katie Ulmer.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Gordon Butler called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Deanna Amann, Gordon Butler, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Christine Siegel, and Victor Zack. Board member absent: Ann Lopez-Caneva.

Staff present: Scott Pointon and Beverly Krakovec.

Public Present: Margaret Geib and Mary Lou Gist—members of the White Oak Library District’s Strategic Planning Committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

MINUTES

Nancy Hackett moved to approve the February 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Victor Zack seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Victor Zack read the Treasurer’s Report for February 2015. Cash on hand as of February 1, 2015 was \$1,826,264.89. Income as of February 28, 2015 was \$15,264.26. Disbursements as of February 28, 2015 were \$286,455.47. Transfers and adjustments-- Transfers of \$14,500.00 were made from the Corporate Fund to the IMRF Fund, \$12,000.00 to the Social Security Fund, and \$10,000.00 to the Liability/Insurance Fund, and \$17,000.00 to the Building Maintenance Fund to cover February payments. Cash on hand as of February 28, 2015 was \$1,555,073.68. The Bond Levy Account had \$1.21(interest) in it as of February 28, 2015.

Victor Zack moved the Board approve the February 2015 Treasurer’s Report, as presented, with the payment of the March 16, 2015 bills for \$96,677.95, the March 11, 2015 payroll for \$97,085.82, and the March 25, 2015 payroll of \$95,347.57. Deanna Amann seconded the motion. Roll call indicated:

Ayes—Deanna Amann, Gordon Butler, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Christine Siegel, and Victor Zack. Nays—none. Motion carried.

Personal Property Replacement Tax received to date totaled \$144,237.70. The Lockport Township estimate for FY 2014-2015 is \$258,026.74.

2013 Levy Real Estate Distributions and Interest received to date was \$4,547,074.80. This includes a Mobile Home Distribution received at the end of January. Percent received to date is 99.518%.

Current interest rates for money market accounts as of March 24, 2015 are as follows: Harris Bank—0.100%, Illinois Funds—0.013%, MB Financial Bank—0.200%.

DIRECTOR' S REPORT

Scott Pointon informed the Board the District's \$125,000 grant application to the State of Illinois for construction monies to fund the Outreach Department structure/garage at the Crest Hill Branch had been denied. Scott Pointon explained how state grants are reviewed and rated by an 8 member, state-wide committee comprised of librarians and at least one architect. This is the committee before which Scott Pointon had "defended" the District's grant. At the end of this session, committee members were polled and provided a score for each grant from 0 – 10, plus the committee gives a recommendation to fund. A grant could conceivably get a high score for a well-constructed grant, but still not get a recommendation to fund. Committee members do not have to divulge why they would not recommend to fund, but some reasons could be they might consider a library wealthy enough to fund the project on its own, or perhaps a library had received a similar grant in the recent past. A grant's award depends not just on a numeric score, but also on how many committee members recommended to fund. While the District's grant was overwhelmingly recommended to fund, we did receive one "no" vote to fund, which could have been the reason the funding was denied. While we are speculating on the reasons for the denial, we should not discount the dire condition of Illinois' overall budget and realize grants may have been denied outright because of this factor. The District can reapply for this grant in January 2016, with updated architectural cost figures.

Scott Pointon reported the Friday, February 27, 2015 staff in-service was a success and the District hopes to hold similar in-services at least twice a year.

The county has furnished the District with an estimate of our income increase for the next fiscal year which would be \$49,000. The estimate for the subsequent fiscal year would be \$26,000.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATES – no updates that were not detailed in the Director's Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property – none needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel—none needed.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE LEMONT REFINERY REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AS PRESENTED

The Board reviewed the agreement. This agreement was a satisfactory end to a long disputed taxing issue involving Citgo and various taxing bodies. The negotiated agreement covers the next five years and will be renegotiated in the future.

Gayle Crompton moved the Board approve the Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement, as presented, and authorize and direct the Board Vice-President to execute the Agreement. Victor Zack seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes—Deanna Amann, Gordon Butler, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Christine Siegel, and Victor Zack. Nays—none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTORS' PAYMENTS

The Board reviewed the request for payment from the Frederick Quinn Corporation.

Deanna Amann moved the Board approve the contractor's certificate of payment to the Frederick Quinn Corporation for the final payment for work at the Lockport Branch in the amount of \$9,510.00 Christine Siegel seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes—Deanna Amann, Gordon Butler, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Christine Siegel, and Victor Zack. Nays—none. Motion carried.

SERVING OUR PUBLIC 3.0: Chapter 9 -- Programming

The Board reviewed the standards in question. The District provides a variety of programs and is constantly exploring new venues to reflect the communities' needs and interest.

Christine Siegel stated that a recently planned Joliet Junior College history program had been cancelled due to low signup, and wondered if the District could consider bringing more history/cultural programs to our patrons. Scott Pointon said that when the District does provide such program, attendance is unpredictable and the cost to bring in an outside presenter is often prohibitive. The District will continue to investigate options for lower costs history programs and search for more creative ways to market such programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Gayle Crompton moved for adjournment at 7:50 p.m. Nancy Hackett seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.