



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 24, 2009

FINAL APPROVED

Thomas Dean, President
Thomas Martin, Vice-President
Michael Cohen
Mark William Edwards
John Kenyon
Linzee McCray
Mary New
Meredith Rich-Chappell, Secretary
Leon Spies

Members Present: Michael Cohen, Tom Dean, John Kenyon, Tom Martin, Linzee McCray, Mary New, Meredith Rich-Chappell

Members Absent: Mark Edwards, Leon Spies

Staff Present: Barb Black, Maeve Clark, Susan Craig, Debb Green, Heidi Lauritzen, Kara Logsdan (in at 5:05 pm), Patty McCarthy, Elyse Miller, Hal Penick

Guests Present:

None.

Recommendations to Council:

None.

Call Meeting to Order.

President Dean called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Public Discussion.

None.

Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cohen and seconded by New. Motion carried 7/0.

Unfinished Business.

Board Photograph. Deferred to October meeting.

Policy 816: Library Access for Sex Offenders Convicted of Sex Offenses against Minors. After discussion, a motion to approve Policy 816 was made by Martin and seconded by Cohen. Motion carried 7/0.

New Business.

FY11 Budget. Craig and other City Department heads received some budget information from the Finance Director at their meeting this week. The City now has preliminary assessment reports and the assessed value of taxable property in Iowa City has increased marginally. In late October or early November the City will get the rollback figures from the state. Agricultural land values have dropped in Iowa this year which does not bode well for cities in Iowa with respect to the rollback.

Staff prepared a budget with a very small overall increase. Craig believes it is a responsible budget but there are some new items, such as replacements and accommodating growth in library services. Dean requested documentation on the cuts that the Library submitted to the City for FY10. These were reviewed.

Cohen asked if the revenue estimating conference at the end of the month is related to the rollback. This was affirmed. Craig stated that it is not known when the City Council will enter this process. The City is moving ahead with construction of the new fire station. The City Council has agreed to staff it, and there is an informal agreement that there will be a franchise fee on utilities in order to pay for the fire station. In addition, the City will add six police officers. If there are no cuts to the police and fire, the rest of the City departments will bear those cuts plus their own. A motion to approve the FY11 budget to submit to the City was made by New and seconded by Kenyon. Motion carried 7/0.

Staff Reports.

Departmental Reports:

Adult Services. New inquired about who the panel members are for the brown bag lunch event. Logsdon said that the panel includes: Nick Shimmin, Director, West Branch Public Library; Jennie Garner, Assistant Director, North Liberty Community Library; Barb Black, Technical Services Coordinator, Iowa City Public Library; Mike Jorgensen, Adult Services Librarian, Coralville Public Library; Jason Paulios, Young Adult Librarian, Iowa City Public Library; Mike Wright, Head of Acquisitions and Copy Cataloging, University of Iowa Library.

Circulation Services. Dean asked if we have a percentage of key tag users. Lauritzen said that a little less than one third.

Information Services. New databases, Mango and Learning Express are located under "Learning Tools" on the website. ECO Iowa City events have been well attended. 92 persons attended the vermicomposting session, and the raffled worm kits were highly prized.

Development Office Report. The sale was fairly successful but fiction does not sell as well as nonfiction. Next week there will be "a buck a book fiction" sale on the west wall and you get a free book when you buy one. The Book End needs room to accommodate all the books that MidwestOne has been collecting that are due to arrive from various locations on October 5.

Planning. Consultant will meet with Board on December 10, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Reader Report. No questions or comments.

Miscellaneous. No questions or comments.

President's Report.

Dean reminded Board members that from now until January is a crucial time and to put on their Library advocacy hats. He reminded members that the Library took a disproportionate reduction in the FY10 budget.

Announcements from Members.

McCray enjoyed her Building the Collection auction event.

Committee Reports.

None.

Communications.

None.

Financial Reports.

Year end summary.

Disbursements.

The Visa expenditures for August 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the disbursements for August 2009 was made by Kenyon and seconded by Martin. The motion carried 7/0.

Set Agenda Order for October Meeting.

Board photograph.

Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Martin and seconded by Cohen. Motion carried 7/0. Dean closed the meeting at 5:59 pm.

Board or Commission: ICPL Board of Trustees
ATTENDANCE RECORD
CALENDAR YEAR 2009

Name	Term Exp	Meeting Date											
		1/22/09	2/26/09	3/26/09	4/23/09	5/28/09	6/25/09	7/23/09	8/27/09	9/24/09	10/22/09	11/19/09	12/17/09
Michael Cohen	7/01/13	X	O/E	O/E	X	X	X	X	X	X	O/E		
Thomas Dean	6/30/15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mark Edwards	6/30/15	Not on Board							X	O/E	X		
John Kenyon	7/01/13	X	X	X	X	X	O/E	X	X	X	X		
Bill Korf	7/01/09	X	O	X	X	X	X	Term expired					
Tom Martin	6/30/11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Linzee McCray	6/30/15	X	X	X	O/E	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mary New	7/01/13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Meredith Rich-Chappell	6/30/11	X	O/E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Leon Spies	6/30/11	X	O/E	O/E	X	X	X	O/E	O/E	O/E	X		

KEY:

X = Present

O = Absent

O/E = Absent/Excused

NM = No meeting

Res = Resigned