

**PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
999 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803**

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Joseph Eisner called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM in Meeting Rooms C and D of the Library. Present were Trustees Marilyn Leibowitz, Stefanie Nelkens, and Michael Polansky, Library Director Gretchen Browne, Recording Secretary Ruth Guarnera, Library Counsel Larry Tenenbaum and staff members Evita Karlic and Jeannine Sharkey. Linda Prussein and Janice Weinman attended the meeting for a brief time. Mrs. Orenstein attended the meeting via Skype videoconferencing from her home in Florida.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:50 PM Mrs. Leibowitz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens to enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. There was no action taken. Upon motion by Mrs. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Polansky, the public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:10 PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

MINUTES: The Minutes of January 19, 2011, were accepted as written in a motion by Mr. Polansky, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens.

REVENUE & DISBURSEMENTS: Received and filed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: The schedules of bills dated 1/31/11 and 2/9/11, with exception of check 58285 were approved in a motion made by Mr. Polansky, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens. Mrs. Leibowitz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens, to approve check 58285. The motion passed with the vote 4 in favor, Mr. Polansky voting nay, stating he will not approve a program which promotes childhood obesity.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mrs. Browne discussed the following:

- **Mr. Polansky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Leibowitz authorizing the Chairperson to sign the agreement with the Plainview-Old Bethpage Auxiliary Police provided documentation of the December and January patrols is submitted. Upon unanimous aye vote, the motion passed.**
- **Mrs. Leibowitz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens authorizing the Chairperson to sign an agreement with Edgian Press for printing of Library World, as per our attorney's approval. The motion carried, all Trustees voting aye.**
- **In a meeting with Maria Pontillo, Renee Zeichner and staff from Creative Contacting Mrs. Browne discussed developing a database of email addresses to enable the Library to communicate with patrons. Plans for redesigning our website were also explored.**
- **After a meeting with Assistant Superintendent Jill Gierasch, the Library provided the school with 3200 bookmarks listing academic databases for students.**
- **Library staff has been invited to attend POB Middle School's "Celebration of Diversity" program.**
- **A letter to delinquent patrons, which has been reviewed by our attorney, was discussed. Further information is needed prior to Board approval.**
- **An online Disaster Planning Webinar, coordinated by NYLINK, was helpful in developing the Library's Disaster Plan.**
- **Statistics and comments on the "Protect NY Libraries" Campaign "snapshot" of a day in the life of a library will be gathered.**
- **"A Day of Korean Culture", presented by the Korean Spirit and Cultural Promotion organization on February 10th, was well attended and very successful.**
- **The Family Center will hold a carnival on June 5th, with a rain date of June 12th.**

The following reports were received and filed:

Library Statistical – December & January
Family Center Statistical
Circulation Control – December & January
Community Service
Community Service Program
Information & Referral Service
Family Center
Family Center Program
Media Center
Reference

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:** None

NEW BUSINESS: Personnel & Salary Changes – None
L.I. League to Abolish Cancer fund raiser – Mr. Polansky made a motion to approve the fund raiser, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens.
State Annual Report – Mrs. Leibowitz made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens. Mrs. Karlic' was commended for her efforts in preparing this report.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:** None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Polansky moved the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Nelkens seconded and upon unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Guarnera, Recording Secretary

