

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS**

July 28, 2009

President Meyering called the meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids to order at 6PM in the Boardroom of 111 Library St. NE.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Botts, Cusack, Lumpkins, Meyering, VanderVelde and Witteveen-Lane

Board Members Absent: Blickley (with notification)

Administration Present: Baar, Corrado, Ehlers, Jakel and Warner

Others Present: Nadine Klein, Assistant City Attorney; Elizabeth White, Deputy City Attorney; Tim Gleisner, GREIU Representative; Marcie Lewis, Library Foundation

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 6/30/09

MOVED by Commissioner Cusack, seconded by Commissioner VanderVelde, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 30, 2009. Unanimously carried.

4. Board Comments

a. ALA Conference Updates

Commissioner Botts reported that he attended a session on Picturing America. He met with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine which has linked with Spectrum Hospital, St. Mary's and Metropolitan Hospital to provide accurate medical information on the internet. He also reported on an interesting session by the Colorado Library Consortium who mail library materials to patrons.

Commissioner Witteveen-Lane reported on sessions regarding advocacy in tough economic times, budgets, and academic and public library collaborations.

5. Committee Reports – None

6. Other Reports

- a. Statistical Report for June 2009
- b. Staff Changes Report

Briefly discussed the decrease in circulation, which is attributable to the switch to Evergreen, and the increase in card holders.

7. Staff & Foundation Reports

- a. Library Director's Report

The Director gave a brief update on the Governor's Executive Order to eliminate the Department of History, Art and Libraries. She noted that MLA's board will be meeting later in the week to discuss their position. At that point, libraries will have more direction. Commissioner Cusack asked for language for letter writing.

Commissioner Cusack asked about ArtPrize. The Director stated that Ms. Corrado is sitting on their education committee and the Library has also been asked to serve as a voter registration site. We were unable to be a venue because we are not open late enough in the evening.

Commissioner Cusack congratulated staff on the success of the Summer Reading Program and thanked the Foundation for the funding. Commissioner Witteveen-Lane added her congratulations.

- b. GRPL Foundation President's Report

Ms. Lewis reported that the Local History Committee met and that the Children and Teens' Committee would be meeting in August. She asked for interested Board members who would want to be a part of the Adult Programming and the Ryerson Legacy Society committees.

- c. Financial Report

Mr. Jakel reported that the fiscal year ended with a surplus, virtually all expenses were under budget. This will provide a good starting point for FY10 where property values are an uncertainty. He reported that we were once again able to put \$200,000 in to the building additions/improvements fund.

Mr. Jakel reported that we are continuing to work out small issues with the automated parking lot attendant and with educating our customers.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

- a. Resolution to Approve Labor Agreement with Grand Rapids Independent Union, Library Rank & File Unit I

MOVED by Commissioner Cusack, seconded by Commissioner Botts, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approves the labor agreement with the Grand Rapids Employees Independent Union, Library Rank & File Unit I.

Mr. Baar clarified the term of the contract to be July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. He also clarified that the Union may choose to reopen negotiations regarding health insurance and wages for the 2011-2012 year. If they choose to do this, then the wage increase in place for that year will not go into effect.

Unanimously carried.

- b. Resolution to Approve Labor Agreement with Grand Rapids Independent Union, Library Supervisory Unit II

MOVED by Commissioner Botts, seconded by Commissioner VanderVelde, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approves the labor agreement with the Grand Rapids Employees Independent Union, Library Supervisory Unit II.

Mr. Baar clarified that the Librarian I/II in the branches will now be a part of the Supervisory Unit.

Unanimously carried.

- c. Resolution to Approve Change in Provider of Health, Dental and Vision Insurances from the City of Grand Rapids Unified Health Plan to Priority Health, Delta Dental and VSP for the Library's Non-Represented Staff

MOVED by Commissioner Cusack, seconded by Commissioner Lumpkins, that the Board of Library Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids approve the change in the provider of health, dental and vision insurance plans from the City of Grand Rapids Unified Health Plan to Priority Health, Delta Dental and VSP for the non-represented staff of the Library. They will be required to contribute to the cost of the health, dental and vision insurance at the same rates as the staff who are covered by the union labor contract. Unanimously carried.

10. Information Items

- a. Media Index
- b. Board & Administrator – July 2009
- c. Security Report – FY09
- d. MLA Annual Conference – Nov. 3-6, 2009
- e. Statistical Week Summary – FY09
- f. Correspondence from Marjorie Kuipers, Cook Library Center

11. Grand Rapids Employees Independent Union, Library Rank & File and Supervisory Units – No Report

12. Agenda Items for Regular Board Meeting (August 25, 2009)

President Meyering canceled the August meeting due to the light agenda planned.

13. Executive Session

MOVED by Commissioner Cusack, seconded by Commissioner Botts that the Board proceed into a closed session for the purpose of discussing the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll call vote taken at 6:55PM.

Roll Call: Botts – yes Cusack – yes Lumpkins – yes
 Meyering – yes VanderVelde – yes Witteveen-Lane – yes

MOVED by Commissioner Botts, seconded by Commissioner Cusack to return to public session. Unanimously carried.

The Board returned to public session at 7:01PM.

14. Public Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.