

Rye Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes
2 August 2007

Present: Trustees: Victor Azzi, Chair, David Brown, Deborah Genestreti, Sallie Mackie, Joan Sweeney. **Library Director:** Kerry Cronin

Victor called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes of July 9th, 2007 The July 9th, 2007 minutes were presented and reviewed. After discussion, David moved to accept them with agreed revisions. Joan seconded. All in favor.

Financial Report: Kerry reported that here at the end of the seventh month, the year 58% over, non-salary expenditures are at 59% and salary expenditures are at 60%. Encumbered funds for programming will decrease slightly next month. She also reported that because trust fund income is low, we will not meet the budgeted figure for recoveries. \$6k has been transferred to the restricted checking account from the MBIA account. Kerry has received the checks for this new checking account as well as the credit card approved by the board last month.

Comments from the chair: none

Correspondence:

- Larry Gillis, Rye resident, wrote a note to thank the library for the use of one of the RPL's computers, while his was unavailable. This helped both him and his students, for which he was grateful.
- Three letters of support were received to be included with the Access Seniors grant. Letters were received from Tom Argue, Alan Gould and Margaret Carroll.

Old Business:

By-laws: David made handwritten changes to the current copy of the by-laws that should be reviewed by board members so that a vote may be taken at next month's board meeting.

Building Security Kerry reported that Jim installed locks and handles on three doors in the meeting room. She also said that Jim and three of his friends would be interested in being trained to use the AV equipment so that they would be able to work as security at public meetings. \$15/hour was suggested as appropriate compensation to consider for this work.

Facility Drainage Issues Joan spoke to her brother-in-law, a geo-technical engineer, who recommended gutters and downspouts or French drains to remedy drainage problems in general.

Trustee Committees The Human Resources committee reported that they are in the process of writing a job description for RPL's Director.

New Business

FY'08 Strategic Goals. Kerry distributed a draft of strategic goals to be considered in developing the '08 budget. She has discussed these with staff. The board will discuss these in more detail at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Annual Staff Retreat – We will discuss the possibility of closing the library early a day this fall to accommodate the retreat.

Executive Session None

Public Comment None

Adjournment At 6:55 pm, David moved to adjourn. Sallie seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 29th at 5pm to discuss budget planning.

Next Board Meeting September 14, 2007 at 3pm (This is a rescheduled date).

Deborah G. Genestreti
Recorder