

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS
AURORA (ILLINOIS) PUBLIC LIBRARY**

January 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Trustees Jeff Butler, Richard Hawks, Walt Meinert, John Savage, Anthony Stanford and Jill Wold

Absent: Trustees Norma Gobert, Jeff Redding and Norma Vazquez

Also present are Library Director Eva Luckinbill, Main Library Coordinator Elizabeth Bumgarner, Business Manager Kathleen Fennell, and Administrative Assistant Nicoletta Palmeri

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Author Jo Fredell Higgins took a couple of pictures of the current Aurora Public Library board members for a new book she is writing about legendary locals in the City of Aurora.

PRESENTATION BY Barnes & Noble:

Kimberly Luthin and Rob (tech person) from Barnes and Noble presented a quick demonstration of the Nook Simple Touch and Nook Color eReaders. The library will begin circulating eReaders in late spring. They will be pre-loaded with several different genres and possibly changed every quarter. Before the eReaders are circulated the library will block internet browsing and social features, disconnect sharing nook to nook, online purchases and provide password protection controls. A complete program definition for the eReaders with logistics have yet to be finalized stated Chris Schabel. The anticipated cost for the eReaders is \$10,500.00 noted Chris Schabel.

Features of the Nook Simple Touch include a dedicated eReader only light enough to hold in one hand, navigation on the screen and side, E Ink display with no back light; read indoors and outside, adjustable font sizes and font styles (large print books), magazines and newspapers limited compared to Nook Color, charge via USB to a computer or from a wall outlet using a power adapter, quick start guide and screen protector and cover accessories.

Features of the Nook Color include a dedicated eReader light enough to hold in one hand, navigation on the screen and side buttons, 7-inch color touchscreen; read indoors and outside, adjustable font sizes and font styles (large print books), apps are included, built in dictionary, accepts PDF files, use with early literacy programs, magazines, newspapers, download music and movies, interactive children's books, quick start guide and screen protector and cover accessories.

- 16 Color Nooks and 16 2yr Multi-User Protection Plans,
- 45 Simple Touch Nooks and 45 2yr Multi-User Protection Plans
- Covers, Anti-Glare Screen Kits and Adapters

Barnes & Noble representatives will provide the eReader presentation at the Technology Committee meeting on Thursday, January 12, 1012.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The board agreed to delay the election of the Officers (President, Vice President and Secretary) until February’s Board Meeting. Board members can email Jill Wold if they are interested in seeking a position.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Hawks moved, seconded by Mr. Meinert to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Luckinbill passed around the communications folder and the December 2011 publicity “news clippings” information binder collected by Amy Roth. Additional communication pieces are covered in the Director’s Report.

Eva Luckinbill read an email from a patron praising staff for their assistance in searching out an eBook. Thank you Magan Szwerek, Chris Schabel and Himanshu Trivedi for your excellent customer service skills.

Finance

Mr. Hawks moved, seconded by Mr. Savage to approve the Aurora Public Library monthly expenditures as listed on the Authorization Sheet for the period December 15, 2011- January 11, 2012 in the amount of \$939,763.35.

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Butler, Hawks, Meinert, Savage, Stanford, Wold

No: None

Absent: Gobert, Redding, Vazquez

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Building & Grounds

No committee report.

Existing Main Library

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012 a vehicle jumped the curb and crashed into the outer wall of the Eola Road Branch building. The wall is on the outside of the emergency stairwell.

There is external wall and masonry damage. A claim has been filed with Indiana Insurance Company with estimated damages between \$9,000 and \$10,000. A police report has yet to be received.

New Main Library Design

John Savage and Jeff Butler met with local superintendents from Oswego School District, Waubensee Community College and School District #204. Next week the board members are scheduled to meet with Illinois Math & Science Academy's (IMSA) superintendent. John Savage noted that the discussions continue to revolve around how the library and the school districts can collaborate on the technological advances. They are extremely positive as the board continues to ask for their support stated John Savage.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 with the Mayor to discuss a quick resolution to the city municipal parking lot issue on Benton and Lake Streets. A decision to use the city municipal lot or do a land swap is a challenge for the library and the city.

Public forums will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at West Branch and January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Eola Road Branch. Face to Face Communications will facilitate the meetings.

The next Technology meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 3:00pm at Alarm Detection on Church Road.

The new library proposal will go before the City Council Finance Committee on February 14, 2012.

Technology

No committee report.

John Savage suggested the library prepare a plan that identifies the additional improvements and costs to the branches before going in front of the city Council Finance Committee. Jeff Butler also noted that the technology committee assist the library in formulating a mission statement and developing a new technology plan for the future library.

Advocacy/Community Support

No committee report.

Aurora Public Library Foundation's primary goal is to develop the board since several board members have resigned. The Foundation is seeking interested candidates.

Library & Personnel

No committee report.

Jill Wold stated that Eva Luckinbill received a request from a part-time employee for a medical leave of absence for approximately 4-5 months.

Jill Wold moved, seconded by Walt Meinert to accept and approve the part-time employee's request for a medical leave of absence for 4-5 months but not to exceed 6 months.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hawks moved, seconded by Mr. Meinert to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Reconvened from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. During Executive Session the Library Board discussed union negotiations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circulation statistics increased 7% overall.

FORMER BUSINESS

An 1872 map of the City of Aurora was received from Robert Cotner's collection. Graphic Conservation Co. will restore the map for \$3,820.00.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hawks moved, seconded by Mr. Meinert to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Secretary, Board of Directors