

Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Whitaker made a motion to approve the previous month's Board Meeting Minutes (1.12.2017) and was seconded Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Treasurer Nesbitt made a motion to approve the previous month's Special Meeting Minutes (1.26.2017) and was seconded Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris and Barbara Fields

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

Trustee Ervin made a motion to approve the bills and review of accounts from the previous month and was seconded by Trustee Fields.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Harris states that she asked that some items be added to the agenda for this meeting and they were not.

President Patterson states that some of those items were put on the agenda for discussion.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

As stated in the Finance Meeting.

REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Flowers states that HPLD's IT Manager lost his mother. She states that flowers from the Board of Library Trustees and Staff will be sent to the funeral home and a resolution will be sent as well.

Director Flowers states that HPLD is now giving one-on-one computer sessions for patrons struggling with computer learning.

Director Flowers states that HPLD's Newsletter is now available to Harvey residents. HPLD creates three (3) newsletters throughout the year in which two (2) are mailed out and one (1) is an in-house newsletter. The first issue covers the months of January, February, March and April this is HPLD's in-house newsletter. The second is HPLD's Spring/Summer issue; it covers the months of May, June, July and August. This newsletter is mailed to the residents of Harvey. The third newsletter is HPLD's Fall/Winter issue; it covers the months of September, October, November and December. This newsletter is also mailed to the Harvey residents.

February is National Heart Health Month and the library is celebrating this event by giving tips on dieting and exercising to keep the heart healthy. Posters will be created for the patrons to view and bookmarks will be given out when checking out library materials.

Every Wednesday in the month of February, Adult Services will be showing a black history month film. Youth Services will have many programs throughout the month of February. OH WHAT A BOOK, (**Black Wall Street**) program is a night of reading, games, arts and crafts along with food and prizes. This

program will be held on February 28, 2017 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Intended audience grades 1st thru 6th. However, all grades are welcome. Please review Adult Services and Youth Services calendars for more details.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES/COMMITTEES

A. BUILDING & GROUNDS

No Report.

1. Cement Panels on Exterior of Library Warping

Trustee Ervin states that he read the letter that was sent to the library by John Eallonardo-FQC, he states that it looks like they're saying that the nails that were used for the paneling were possibly defective. He states that they will keep the board advised on how the situation turns out.

B. FINANCE

As stated in the Treasurer's Report.

C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Cement Panels on Exterior of Library Building (Jack Hayes)

Discussed under Building and Grounds.

B. Resolution Approving Circulation, DVD and/or Computer Usage Policies (Action Item)

Attorney Jarad explains to the board the new/updated Circulation Policy.

Treasurer Nesbitt exited the meeting at 7:23pm.

The board decided to table this agenda item.

No motion was made.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker,
Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

President Patterson exited the meeting at 7:29pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Sycamore Advisors Engagement Letter (Diana Hamilton & Courtney Tobin) (Action Item)**
- B. Approval of Ordinance Abating the Tax to Pay the Principle and Interest on the General Obligation Library Bonds (Action Item)**
- C. Segregation Orders**
- D. Approval of Resolution Directing an Increase in the Loss of Collection Factor for Bonds & Interest fund Levies Tax Year 2016 (Action Item)**
- E. Resolution Approving Public Comment Policy (Action Item)**

The Board of Trustees decided to table agenda items A-E under New Business until the next meeting.

Trustee Ervin made a motion to table agenda items A-E under New Business until the next meeting and was seconded by Trustee Price.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker and Barbara Fields

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: JoAnn Nesbitt and Roberta Patterson

Motion Carried.

- F. Eliminate Computer Usage Fee(s) for All City of Harvey Residents with a Library Card Issued by HPLD (Discussion)**

This agenda item will be added to the Special Meeting agenda.

- G. Eliminate All Fees to Borrow DVD and CD Movies for All Residents of the City of Harvey with a Library card Issued by HPLD (Discussion)**

This agenda item will be added to the Special Meeting agenda.

Diana Hamilton of Sycamore Advisors gave a brief presentation about the background of her company and what they offer. She spoke briefly about abating taxes, segregation orders and collection rates. Diana answered questions that the board and audience had for her. Diana Hamilton will attend the Special Meeting with a more detailed presentation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Remarks Limited to 3 Minutes)

Carmen Holmes states that she's been a Harvey citizen for 25 years and is concerned about the abatement. She states that she's seen property values drop and Harvey has more renters here and that puts a burden on the homeowners.

Jessica Sutton states that she had an incident at the library and the police was called on her. She states that she was minding her own business when the library director and two (2) other staff members

approached her in one (1) of the study rooms. Ms. Sutton states that she was told that she needs to stop what she doing immediately and leave the premises because what she was doing was against library policy. She states that she only came to the library to finalize what she was doing because she didn't want no one that she just met coming to her home and that the library is a safe place.

Director Flowers states that Ms. Sutton was finalizing a tax preparation at the library in the study room and that's against library policy. She states that when she asked Ms. Sutton to leave she became very irate and hostile and wasn't following orders and that's why the police got involved.

Ms. Donahue states that there will be a Black History Month program at South Suburban College on February 12, 2017 from 11am-2pm and Dick Gregory will be the keynote speaker. She asked, the library board if there was anything in HPLD's Policy manual about etiquette because she have noticed some really disrespectful behavior. Ms. Donahue states that the board need a sergeant of arms or someone they designate to try and keep control. She states that the board should setup some guidelines.

Barbara Welcher states that she's been a resident of Harvey and property owner since 1978. She states that she has studied at the library to gain several degrees. Ms. Welcher states that she agrees that the history of the library should be displayed in the library. She states that since the library has been renovated that she hasn't been able to register for the line dancing classes at the library. Ms. Welcher then asked, how many people are residents and how many are non-residents attending the classes? She stated that she also had some concerns about the price to fax two (2) documents.

Director Flowers states that there's not a registration for the class, you could sign-in and attend.

Trustee Price stated that she had attended a class a week prior and there was just a sign-in sheet, no registration needed.

Mr. King states that the City of Harvey needs to work together and respect one another. He states that we need to start thinking about the future for the kids in the community.

Ms. Thomas states that she feels that Ms. Sutton owes Director Flowers an apology for her behavior. She states that we need to come together and respect one another.

Ms. Seay states that she signed up for computer classes some months back and still haven't been called to start class. She states that the library should be ran by the library director. Ms. Seay states that there are outsiders trying to run everything in Harvey.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm and was seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker and Barbara Fields

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: JoAnn Nesbitt and Roberta Patterson

Meeting Adjourned.