

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2012
LINCOLN LIBRARY

Board Present: Rev. Dr. Lee E. Fields; Jennifer Walsh Hammer, Vice-President; Gary Koch, Marty Ryan, President; Anthony Schuering, Secretary/Treasurer; Stuart Shiffman.

Board Absent: Mark Denzler, Davida Fanniel, Donna Ferguson.

Staff Present: Nancy Huntley, Director; Lois Morse, Assistant Director.

Public Present: Barbara Anderson.

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MINUTES: Mr. Schuering made a motion to approve the March 28, 2012, Board minutes. Mr. Shiffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LIST: The April 2012 financial report and bill list were distributed and reviewed.

Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan has proposed that replacement taxes be used to fund the Teacher Retirement System. If the bill (HB3637) passes, the library budget will be impacted negatively, as the City of Springfield will lose approximately \$3 million.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Open Meetings Act Reminder -- Board members were reminded to complete the required electronic training on the Open Meetings Act prior to the end of 2012. A copy of the completion certificate should be sent to the Mayor's office.

Write Stuff -- Nineteen of the 22 students whose works were included in the Write Stuff XVIII attended a celebration held in their honor on May 9, 2012. Amber Sabin, Public Information Officer at CWLP, spoke with them about the importance of writing. The Friends of Lincoln Library covered the costs of the reception.

Building Common Ground -- The Friends of Lincoln Library, Brookens Library and the Prairieland Compassion Network have joined together to offer a series of programs designed to engage the Springfield community in a decision of compassion and civility in everyday life. Events included a showing of "The Help," a historical walking tour, an open mic night and weekly discussions about the book, Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life, by Karen Armstrong.

Summer Reading Program -- "Reading is So Delicious," the library's summer reading program for adults, teens and children will kick-off on June 2, 2012. The Friends of Lincoln Library will be purchasing the prizes for the program.

FY2012 Statistics – During fiscal year 2012, Lincoln Library circulated 624,112 items and had more than 31,500 e-books checked out. Computer use, database use and website hits continue to see increased use.

Footnotes – Beth Shetter, reference librarian, has volunteered to revive the staff newsletter, Footnotes. The casual newsletter is published bi-monthly.

LINCOLN LIBRAR FOUNDATION: The Foundation Board met April 25, 2012, and reviewed the quarterly financial statements. The Board recently made a change in the investment strategy to ensure earnings are more than the projected expenditures.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY: The Friends of Lincoln Library Book Sale will be held on June 8, 9 and 10. Volunteers are still needed, especially for Friday and Saturday shifts.

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM (IHLS): Discussion continues regarding a shared computer system. The next meeting of the IHLS Board is scheduled for May 22, 2012, in Effingham. Meetings can also be attended via v-tel at the Illinois State Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Resident Agreement – Illinois State Law does not mandate participation in the Non-Resident Card Program; however, Director Huntley recommends continuing to participate. Mr. Schuering made a motion to continue offering a non-resident card. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Non-Resident Fee – Using the mathematical formula recommended by the Illinois State Library, the one-year non-resident card fee should remain at \$75.00. Mr. Koch made a motion to keep the non-resident card fee at \$75.00. Mr. Schuering seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new fee will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The number of non-resident cards sold by Lincoln Library has decreased as many of the small towns surrounding Capitol Township now have libraries.

June Board Meeting – In the anticipated absence of Director Huntley and some Board members, Mr. Ryan made a motion to cancel the June 27, 2012, meeting of the Board. Mr. Shiffman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: Foster parent, Barbara Anderson encouraged the Board to revise the juvenile library card policy. A child in her care was recently refused a library card as there was not a parent/guardian to give consent and agree to be responsible for fines, and/or damaged/lost items. Per Ms. Anderson the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services does not provide foster parents with legal guardianship documentation. The Board agreed to revisit the matter at the July 25, 2012, meeting of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted By Kim Hergett