

**LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012  
LINCOLN LIBRARY**

**Board Present:** Mark Denzler, Donna Ferguson, Gary Koch, Marty Ryan, President; Anthony Schuering, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Board Absent:** Davida Fanniel, Rev. Dr. Lee E. Fields, Jennifer Walsh Hammer, Vice-President; Stuart Shiffman.

**Staff Present:** Nancy Huntley, Director; Lois Morse, Assistant Director; Jeff Blazis, Fiscal Officer.

**Public Present:** Patricia Holliday.

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

*(Due to time constraints, action items were moved to the beginning of the meeting.)*

**Core Standards Review** -- As a requirement for the Per Capita Grant, Chapter 9 (Programming) of the Standards for Illinois Public Libraries was reviewed. Lincoln Library continues to offer programming for all ages – book groups, story times, computer classes, etc. Specific outreach audiences are not targeted, due to a lack of staff. Presentations are provided, however, for local organizations that make such a request.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Per Capita Grant** – The Illinois State Library Per Capita grant, due October 15, 2012, was reviewed. As in past years, the grant money will be used to fund a portion of the library’s book budget. Mr. Denzler made a motion to approve the grant application with the understanding that the date the Core Standards were reviewed will be corrected to September 26, 2012. Mr. Koch second the motion. The motion carried.

**First Night** – Mr. Schuering made a motion to allow the Springfield Area Arts Council to use the Carnegie Room after hours for the annual First Night event (12/31/12), with the understanding that the Council will pay half of the security guard’s salary for the evening. Mr. Ryan second the motion. The motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Denzler made a motion to approve the August 22, 2012, Board minutes. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Library customer, Patricia Holliday, addressed the Library Board asking them to reconsider the “Geographical Boundaries re Residents or Nonresidents.” Director Huntley explained there are many “pockets” not eligible for library service - despite using and paying for utilities provided by the City of Springfield - as they are not within the corporate limits of Springfield. In addition, state law sets the parameters of the nonresident fees, which are based on what a tax payer annually pays for

library service. As Ms. Holliday resides in the Railsplitter Library District, a district without taxing authority and thus, no library, her only options to avoid paying the \$75 non-resident fee are to have the property annexed (if contiguous to city limits) or to move within the city limits.

*(Mr. Denzler left at 5:23 p.m.)*

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Facilities --** Grout work on the exterior granite panels and the planters continues. Two options have been presented for sealing the windows – permanently seal the windows closed or replace the bad seals around the glass and adjust the window to stop leaks. The latter has been chosen so as to keep the architectural integrity of the building.

**Sunday Hours –** Sunday hours resume on October 6, 2012, and will continue through April 27, 2013. The library will be open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Vacancies –** The two Library Assistant II positions in the Circulation Department have been filled. Both are former employees that had been affected by layoff. On October 8, the new Librarian I will begin in Reference and Information.

**Electronic Board Packets –** In the near future, monthly board packets will be provided via an Internet link. Board members will be able to download the packet and print, if desired. A limited number of hard copies of the packet will be available at the meeting.

**FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY:** The Board of the Friends of Lincoln Library has begun meeting bi-monthly. The next meeting will be in November.

**ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM (IHLS):** Mr. Schuering reported everything is moving according to plan and the annual report has been submitted to the Illinois State Library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Submitted By Kim Hergett