

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM ON October 4, 2011.**

The Special Meeting Convened at: 7:01 P.M.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Call to Order and Roll Call** -- MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee/President Donna Malecki, Trustee Celestine Reda, Trustee Allison Muzal, Trustee Steve Cerasuolo, Trustee Carol Levy, Trustee Timothy Hinsdale, Trustee Phyllis Kastle arrived at 7:05pm MEMBERS ABSENT: none

**3. Public Comments-** None

**4. New Business-** None

**5. Executive Session** --President Donna Malecki motioned: "I move the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to Section 2. (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act."

Seconded by Trustee Kastle.

Roll call vote: 6 ayes: Trustees Levy, Malecki, Cerasuolo, Reda, Muzal, Hinsdale

0 Nays

1-Absent at roll call: Trustee Phyllis Kastle (arrived 7:05pm)

Motion carried.

Executive Session from 7:05pm-9:07pm

**6. Board Member Comments**—President Donna Malecki informed the Board that the Chavarins, the tenants of the West house, asked that a complaint letter about Trustee Timothy Hinsdale be presented as public comments. President Malecki distributed copies of the letter to the Board and stated that it will be discussed at the COTW meeting on October 10, 2011 giving Trustee Hinsdale time to respond. President Malecki stated that because the complaint was made in writing and not in person the Board has time to respond in writing as stated in our by-laws. Trustee Hinsdale stated that the FaceBook comments presented as a complaint were written by him and that they will continue as he has the right to do whatever he wants on his personal time.

Trustee Timothy Hinsdale resigned his position as Property Liaison and stated the reason that he feels the Board will not enforce his fiduciary responsibility. Trustee Hinsdale stated that the problems we have in both houses are directly attributed to the neglect of former Trustee, William Ernst and Property Manager, Mike Gobber. Trustee Hinsdale stated that the Face Book comments will continue and the next posting will be about an appointed Trustee who did not have a library card. Trustee Levy stated that as Board members we need to act in a professional manner no matter how we feel or think. Trustee Kastle stated that we are looking to hire a director and that the Board should maintain a positive image. Trustee Muzal asked if attorney William Raysa had been consulted about possible liability to the Library for Trustee Hinsdale's action. Trustee Malecki stated that she has consulted with attorney Raysa and he has informed her that as long as Trustee Hinsdale does not represent himself as a Trustee when speaking or writing the statements the library is not liable. Trustee Hinsdale stated that the facts are open and will continue like it or not.

**7. Public Comments**--none

**8. Adjournment** --Trustee Phyllis Kastle made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:21 P.M. Trustee Carol Levy seconded.

7 ayes

0 nays

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned