

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING, 10700 CANTERBURY STREET, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order and Roll Call --- President Donna Malecki called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and upon a roll call of the Board of Trustees, the following were:

Present: President Donna Malecki, Vice President Phyllis Kastle, Secretary Celeste Reda, Trustees Steve Cerasuolo, Allison Muzal. Excused absences: Treasurer Timothy Hinsdale, Trustee Carol Levy

Also present: Library Director Fidencio Marbella, Assistant Director Bonnie Schwanz, Business Manager LaChondra Davis, and Property Manager Michael Gobber

3. Public Comment Tracy Chavarin, tenant at 10726 Canterbury, commented on the quotes in the "Westchester Whistleblower" that was reportedly distributed on cars outside of Divine Infant during a fundraising event the prior Saturday evening. Conversation ensued about the contents and their validity or lack thereof. The Library Board was asked to verbally and in writing recant the statements printed in the Whistleblower in the next Library Publication. President Donna Malecki stated that neither the Library or the Board as a whole wrote or approved the contents in the Whistleblower and that secondly we cannot comment on them as we did not write them. President Malecki stated she has consulted the Library attorney, William Raysa. Vice-President, Phyllis Kastle, stated she understands the frustration and stated that all minutes are on the Library web-site and will prove the rent is now up to date. President Malecki stated that the Library will put in print that the Board does not sanction or condone the comments in the Westchester Whistleblower. Javier Chavarin asked the Board if the Trustee position was a 24/7 job. Tracy Chavarin asked if the Library by-laws were public. President Malecki commented that she was not sure if they were on the web-site. Tracy Chavarin asked about a "vote of no confidence" and stated that Lisa Madigan's office has something online about it. President Malecki commented that she did not know and would look into it. Javier Chavarin commented that he respects us as a Board and that he would like to move on but that he has concerns about his family's reputation. Tracy Chavarin stated that Michael Gobber did not decline the credit bureau check; they did. Michael Gobber stated he would appreciate a statement from the Library telling the public that the Board does not condone the paper. Mr. Gobber also suggested that the Board comment on all issues printed and push the legal limits in the rebuttal.

4. Discussion Items

A. Snow removal quotes—The Board discussed the quotes from all of those submitted.

B. Policy 8.4—The Board discussed changes in the policy removing the "liaison" reporting requirements. Changes were also made to require 3 written quotes for purchases over \$500.

C. Rental property report—Mike Gobber reported that the tenants at 10726 Canterbury are still up to date with their rent and arrangements will be made to clean the gutters after all of the leaves have fallen. The report states that the tenants at 10658 Canterbury are also up to date with their rent. The gutter will also be cleaned there.

The old tenants at 10658 Canterbury still have not made any payments toward their \$7,000 balance. The balance has been turned over to a collection agency for further handling.

5. Unfinished Business--none

6. Public Comment--none

7. Board Member Comment—Vice President, Phyllis Kastle, commented that she is disgusted by the "Westchester Whistleblower" but knows we are limited to what we can do about it, also commenting that the Board do as much as possible about it. Trustee, Steve Cerasuolo, commented that the Board needs to do something about it. Secretary, Celeste Reda stated that the Board needs to meet the deadline for the December newsletter with a comment.

8. Executive Session

None

9. Adjournment- President Donna Malecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Trustee Allison Muzal seconded.

5 aye

0 nay

2 absent

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Celeste Reda, Board Secretary