

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 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 6:30 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, Treasurer Timothy Hinsdale, Trustees Steve Cerasuolo, Carol Levy, Allison Muzal

Also present: Acting Library Director Bonnie Schwanz, Business Manager LaChondra Davis

3. Public Comment None

4. Hiring a Director—John Keister (30 minutes) spoke about his plan to advertise on a custom website to find new Director candidates for the Board to review. The Board discussed as a group our wants and needs. Keister discussed how the Board and staff are all on the same line of thinking~it is a prime time for change and creativity in regards to growth and library exposure in the community.

5. Discussion Items

A. Investment of library funds Treasurer Timothy Hinsdale reported that the Harris Bank has informed us we lost our 4.65% rate. Trustee Hinsdale will be shopping around for competitive options.

B. Rental properties—Mike Gobber. Mike reported that the East house is still occupied. The Board discussed charging rent for the full month.

C. Library newsletter discussion. Conversation about looking into a 2 page spread in the Westchester paper as well as possible accumulation of email addresses for increased, less expensive ways to communicate. President Donna Malecki to look into layout options in the paper.

D. Library revenues—Getting a “blue sky” wish list from the employees was discussed; looking for anything from \$1-\$1M. Discussed communicating to the patrons about estate planning and writing the Westchester Public Library in their will.

6. Unfinished Business None

7. Public Comment None

8. Board Member Comment Treasurer Celeste Reda commented that a friend in town, artist Rick Ernst, is doing an art show in the Darien library and would be interested in also holding one with the Westchester Public Library. Trustee Reda will email details to Interim Director Bonnie Schwanz.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment Treasurer Timothy Hinsdale made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Vice President Phyllis Kastle seconded.

7 ayes

0 nay

Motion carried.

Celeste Reda

Celestine T. Reda, Board Secretary