

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE MANITOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the Manitowoc Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order in the Balkansky Room at Manitowoc Public Library by President David Gratz at 5:33 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2011.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Diedrich, Gratz, Kadow, Kornely, Schmidt, Sczygelski, Stokes, Vollendorf, and Waldron

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Hazlewood and Pfeffer

OTHERS PRESENT: Stewart, Davis, Muchin Young, Juliana Ruenzel (City Attorney), J. Schroeder, J. Schroeder, J. Seidl, J. Seidl, M. Dvorak, D. Dvorak, Gersek, Kracht, Eisenschink, Fishbeck, Trost, Thee, Leneau, Hunter, D. Free, G. Free, Knowles, Reno, Metzger, Boeldt, A. Reimer, K. Reimer, Harms, Horbeck, Cerkas, Treder, Young, Herrmann, Stodola, Wick, Dufek, Ploederl, Mayor Nickels, Willems, Robinson, Henning, Able, Sladky, Jansen, De Wein, N. Koch, C. Koch, Backus, Gauthier, Van Lanen, Bajdan, Adams, Schema, Braunel, Hansen, L. Nickels, Horstketter, Delorme, V. Vogel, R. Vogel, Matthews (HTR)

MINUTES: A motion was made by Kornely, seconded by Stokes, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT: A motion was made by Vollendorf, seconded by Kadow, to approve the Financial Management Report for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$205,731.40. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER: A motion was made by Vollendorf, seconded by Kadow, to approve the Manitowoc Public Library operating check register for the month of December 2010 (Final) in the amount of \$101,153.86. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vollendorf, seconded by Kadow, to approve the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation Checking check register for the month of January 2011 in the amount of \$2,602.22. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President David Gratz reviewed the Public Input Policy. Several staff members and members of the public expressed concern regarding the staff reorganization at Manitowoc Public Library.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note of thanks was included in the packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Personnel Committee will be scheduling a meeting sometime in February 2011.

A motion was made by Kadow, seconded by Schmidt, to remove agenda item #7 (1)(e) a. **Discussion of negotiations and strategy for Grievances dated January 4,**

January 14, and January 17, 2011 including related liability issues and use of legal services. Motion failed. Yeas 2 (Kadow, Schmidt), Nays 7.

A motion was made by Vollendorf, seconded by Waldron, to enter into closed session as authorized by Section 19.85 (1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

The specific subject matter which will be considered in the closed session is the following: a. **Discussion with legal counsel regarding litigation concerning Patty Wanninger.**

Section 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Section 111.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes which authorizes the governmental body to convene in closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

The specific subject matter which will be considered in the closed session is the following: a. **Discussion of negotiations and strategy for Grievances dated January 4, January 14, and January 17, 2011 including related liability issues and use of legal services.** b. **Discussion of negotiations and strategy for Agreement Between Manitowoc Public Library and Wisconsin Council 40, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, 2009-2010.**

Motion carried with a roll call vote and the Board entered into closed session at 6:31 p.m.

OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Waldron, seconded by Stokes, to enter into open session. Motion carried with a roll call vote and the Board reconvened in open session at 7:34 p.m.

TRUSTEE MANUAL REVIEW: A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Sczygelski, so move we table agenda item #10 a. **“What is a Meeting” handout from WLA presented by Trustee Vollendorf,** until the April 2011 meeting and item #10 b. **Chapter 11 “Planning for the Library’s Future” presented by Trustee Hazlewood at the February 28, 2011 meeting,** to remain as stated. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Copies of the Director’s Report for the period December 2010 thru January 2011 were included in the board packets, as well as Department Managers’ Reports for the month of December 2010.

Stewart reported that she and Board President David Gratz will be writing a press release to the Herald Times Reporter explaining the staff reorganization.

Stewart also reported she has spoken with artist Murzyn regarding the portrait of Albert Schuette.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Kadow, seconded by Schmidt, so move to approve the **Dress Guidelines Policy**. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Vollendorf, so move to accept the **Memorandum of Understanding Governing the Control, Disbursement and Use of Endowment Funds between the Manitowoc Public Library Board of Trustees and the Manitowoc Public Library Foundation Board**. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sczygelski, seconded by Kornely, so move to accept the request for authorization for President Gratz to sign Annual Report. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Sczygelski, seconded by Diedrich, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis,
Recording Secretary