

**LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2010
MAIN LIBRARY**

Board Present: Helen Cox, Mark Denzler, Gary Koch, Mike Lelys, Robert Messina, Jennifer Walsh-Hammer, Ray Watson.

Board Absent: Nina Harris, Martin Ryan.

Staff Present: Nancy Huntley, Director; Pam Langhoff, Technical Services Manager; Elena Mheidze, Administrative Services Manager; Lois Morse, Assistant Director; Ernie Slottag, Springfield Director of Communications.

President Cox called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MINUTES: Mr. Lelys made a motion to approve the February 24, 2010, Board minutes. Mr. Koch second the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LIST: Reports are not available, due to the installation of a new financial system and the compiling of the end of the fiscal year reports.

(Mr. Denzler arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Advocacy Day – Although there will not be an official Library Advocacy Day this April, library supporters are being asked to contact their elected officials to encourage them to support library funding. Director Huntley does have talking points that can be used.

IPLAR – Once system reports are available, the Illinois Public Library Annual Report will be completed.

Write Stuff -- Poetry and short stories written by 29 area students were selected for this year's young adult magazine, "The Write Stuff." On May 5, 2010, a reception will be held in their honor. A guest speaker is being sought.

Staff Institute -- The annual Staff Institute, a day of continuing education, is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2010. Staff will complete their daily duties, prior to gathering in the Carnegie Room at 10 a.m. Mayor Davlin will present the staff service awards. As in the past, the cost of the day, including lunch and awards, will be underwritten by the Friends of Lincoln Library. Members of the Library Board are welcome to attend.

Parking Garage – The City of Springfield's Department of Motor Vehicle Parking has taken over management of the parking garage underneath the library. The garage, which is not owned by the library, has been managed by an outside firm for many years. As a cost-saving measure, automated payment machines are being installed, eliminating the need for an attendant. Prices will be 50 cents per half hour. Free evening and weekend parking is being discontinued. Customers and staff can continue to park for free in the garage next to the fire house. Monthly leasers now have reserved, numbered parking spaces. Limited customer parking is available on the interior, southside of the garage. The reserved spaces will be available to customers after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Board Elections -- The Nominating Committee – Mike Lelys, Robert Messina, Martin Ryan -- will prepare a slate of officers for the Board election, scheduled for the May 26, 2010 meeting. They will also review the election procedures outlined in the Board By-laws and recommend procedure changes, if deemed necessary.

Branches – It is too early for statistics, but it appears many branch customers are using the main library. Materials remain at West Branch. As the building is owned by the City, removal is not urgent.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY: The Friends' Board did not meet in April 2010. The summer book sale will be held on June 18 and 19, 2010. Volunteers will be needed.

ROLLING PRAIRIE LIBRARY SYSTEM: The Rolling Prairie Library System continues to struggle due to the state funding cuts. Reserves should fund them through April 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RPLS Election – In the uncontested race for Public Librarian from a Public Library of Any Population, Mr. Denzler made a motion to cast the Lincoln Library Board of Trustee vote for Amy Ihnen of the Chatham Area Public Library District. Mr. Watson second the motion and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted By Kim Hergett