

**LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
JULY 28, 2010
MAIN LIBRARY**

Board Present: Helen Cox, Mark Denzler, Jennifer Walsh Hammer, Gary Koch, Mike Lelys, Martin Ryan, Ray Watson.

Board Absent: Nina Harris, Robert Messina.

Staff Present: Nancy Huntley, Director; 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. Denzler made a motion to approve the May 2010 Board minutes. Mr. Ryan second the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LIST: The May and June 2010 financial reports and bill lists were reviewed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FY2010 Statistics – The fiscal year 2010 statistics indicate fiction books are circulating the most often, with nonfiction books close behind. Use of audio books on cassettes is slowly being replaced by those on compact discs. The Playaway collection (digital audio books pre-loaded on an mp3-type player) is not seeing much use and thus, will be highlighted more in the future. Circulation overall has increased at the main library over the past year. The number of visits at the main library is not accurate as the gates were not working for approximately three months last year.

IPLAR - The Illinois Public Library Annual Report was reviewed. Financial figures included in the report are based on statistics and un-audited figures from fiscal year 2010. The figures could vary slightly once audited by the city. The Illinois State Library will compile the information submitted by public libraries throughout the state and create a final report that can be used for comparison purposes.

September Board Meeting – Director Huntley will be unavailable for the September 22, 2010, meeting of the Library Board. As the Per Capita Grant will need approval, the meeting must be rescheduled. Combining the September and October meetings will be considered. Board members will be polled by email for alternate meeting dates.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Board Bylaws – The Bylaws Committee will review the regulations and making amendments including changing the Library Board elections to December with a calendar-year term. Once complete, the bylaw amendments will be presented to the Board for approval.

LINCOLN LIBRARY FOUNDATION: Mr. Denzler reported the Foundation account has a balance of approximately \$267,000, most of which is restricted for the purchase of books. In the next few months, the Foundation Board will begin a campaign to raise the \$11,000 in matching funds needed for the Gates Grant, which is being used to upgrade computers.

The terms of three Foundation Board members have expired. The Friends of Lincoln Library Board will need to replace one member, while the Lincoln Library Board is responsible for appointing two community members. A

candidate with accounting skills is desired. Nominations should be shared at the August meeting of the Library Board.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN LIBRARY: The Friends raised more than \$20,000 at the summer book sale.

ROLLING PRAIRIE LIBRARY SYSTEM: As a result of state funding cuts, the Illinois State Library is requiring Illinois Library systems to merge into no more than 2 systems by July 1, 2011. At this time, it appears the creation of a North and a South system is being favored. (Chicago Public Library is its own system and will remain by itself.) The Rolling Prairie Library System will merge into the southern system; however, as Lincoln Library borders the two proposed systems, it is possible the Library Board could vote to join the northern system. If Lincoln Library chooses to remain in the southern system, it will be the library with the largest population. The State Library is mandating that deliveries continue and that computer systems continue to be supported; however, many changes are expected with the mergers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board Elections -- Mr. Denzler made a motion to appoint the following slate of officers through December 2010 -- Helen Cox, President; Martin Ryan, Vice-President; Jennifer Walsh Hammer, Secretary. Mr. Koch second the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

VACANCIES: Ernie Slottag, Springfield Director of Communications, reported that despite a slight increase in sales receipt taxes, the filling of vacancies will not be possible for 6 months or more.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted By Kim Hergett