

**Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room

405 West Main St.

**MINUTES**

**Call to order.**

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Roll call.**

Introductions, audience and visitors. Visitors are asked to introduce themselves at this time and present any issues they wish to discuss. Visitors wishing to address specific agenda items will be granted two to five minutes at the discretion of the President, not to exceed a total of twenty minutes. The Library Board may cut short any comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive. (Id. at 1425-26).

**Present.**

Philip Brown, President

Barbara Levine, Vice President (2)

Susan Tulis, Secretary (1)

Don Prosser, Treasurer

Joyce Hayes (2)

Julian Pei (8 excused)

Roland Person (1)

Sharifa Stewart (3)

Harriet Simon (1)

**Absent.**

None.

The number following the Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

**Staff present.**

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Gwen Hall, Finance Manager

**Visitors present.**

None.

**President's report.**

None.

**Secretary's report.**

1. Approval of the February 11, 2015 minutes. Roland Person made a motion to approve minutes. Susan Tulis seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

**Correspondence and communications.**

None.

**Financial report.**

1. Approval of bills payable up to and including bills due March 16, 2015 to April 15, 2015. Harriet Simon

made a motion to pay bills. Sharifa Stewart seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Acceptance of the financial report for February 2015. Finance Director and Library Director discussed flood expenses and insurance coverage. The Finance Director explained that a lot of book purchases are made in the spring. Trustees asked questions about specific line items. Roland Person made a motion to approve financial report. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Librarian's report.**

1. Personnel. The Director has hired the Teen and Youth Program Coordinator, Jennifer Johansson.

2. Flood. The library flooded due to mechanical failure of plumbing in the men's room. The library suffered no permanent damage and no damage to library materials, books, computers or furniture. Staff acted quickly and professionally to turn off the water and remediate the situation. The plumbing repair (just over \$500 is not covered by insurance). All other related expenses for clean-up are covered by insurance, costing the library only its \$1,000 deductible.

3. Donated painting by artist Cheonae Kim. The artist has stated that the value is \$4,000. Don Prosser made a motion to accept Cheonae Kim's generous gift. Julian Pei seconded the motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Discussed the upcoming 11 Days for Compassion. The library co-coordinates this community-wide effort along with others in Nonviolent Carbondale. There are several high quality events on the schedule focused on issues such as poverty and homelessness, which call for community problem solving and compassionate action. The library will be hosting several of the events, including a Human Library.

### **Committee reports.**

None.

### **Unfinished business.**

None.

### **New business.**

None.

### **Other.**

Discussed Walgreens systematically requesting reductions in property value in order to lower their property taxes. Homeowners across the United States are subsidizing Walgreens and CVS. The developers and investors are making a premium. It's absolutely criminal. They compare to shopping centers and stores that are abandoned to come up with their proposed values. Kentucky and another state passed a law to stop this.

### **Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Next Board Meetings for 2015 (all in Public Library meeting room, 4:30 p.m.): April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, \*November 18, December 9. (\*note: proposed date for November is the third Wednesday of the month due to Veteran's Day closing; all other dates are the second Wednesday.)

### **Respectfully submitted:**

Susan Tulis, Secretary

**Prepared by:** Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director