

**White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Paul Schwarz. In attendance were Trustees Barrera, D'Ambrosio, Furth, Haynes, James, Matthews-Serra, Schwarz and Scherer. Absent with notice was Trustee Clouet. Also in attendance were Foundation Executive Libby Hollahan, Library Director Brian Kenney, Assistant Library Director Kathy Degyansky, Business Manager Bill Deierlein and Sandra McDaniel, Library Secretary.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2012**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2012 were approved on a MOTION by Trustee Hope Furth, seconded by Trustee Tom Scherer.

**Budget:**

City Revenue & Expenditure Budget by Department for January 2012 were reviewed. Library Director Kenney invited Mr. Deierlein to discuss the budget. Mr. Deierlein reported that boiler #1 had been repaired and hoped to utilize any leftover monies from utilities to repair boiler #2.

**Bills: 2011/12 Budget: #12, #13**

Trustee Furth reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and found them to be in order. Payment of bill vouchers #12, #13, was approved on a MOTION by Trustee Furth, seconded by Trustee D'Ambrosio.

**Report of Library Administration**

The Board reviewed the administrative reports. Library Director Kenney reported that the Common Council approved the capital project for the design phase on the 1st floor so the Library can move ahead. He would work with DPW to enter into a contract with the architects.

Trustee Denise D'Ambrosio would like to see more trend information in our reporting and Trustee Hope Furth suggested that budget and statistics include more interpretation of the statistics.

Mr. Kenney stated that he met with several focus groups as part of the Library's strategic planning process and planned to provide a complete report in April.

**Trustee Reports & Business**

**WLS** – Trustee Furth reported that Dave Donelson was elected President. Ms. Furth noted that a Book and Authors Luncheon has been scheduled for April 12 and will feature New Yorker writer and author, Adam Gopnik.

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Trustee Furth discussed the Library Trustee Association; the Library was not a member. Ms. Furth stated that she would leave flyers with the board regarding the Library Trustees Association Trustee Institute meeting that will be held on May 4-5 in Hempstead, Long Island.

**Friends** – Trustee Hope Furth stated that the Friends provided a luncheon for the library staff on January 19<sup>th</sup> and Library Director Kenney remarked that it was well received.

**Foundation** - Mrs. Hollahan reviewed her written report and shared a few emails from Common Council members Lecuona and Buchwald on the importance of supporting the library. Mrs. Hollahan commented that Beth Kava and Richard Kaye would become the newest members of the Foundation Board.

**Other** -

**Old Business:**

Library Director Kenney stated that the Dorm Authority Grant was still outstanding and that Mayor Roach had spoken with Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and he was very optimistic. Mr. Kenney will continue to follow up.

**New Business:**

Library Director Kenney reviewed the Library Fund Budget Request FY 12/13 with the Board. Mr. Kenney noted that if adopted the budget would allow the Library to expand its hours by 20% and meet New York State's minimum standards for weekly hours. Mr. Kenney recommended that the budget request of \$5,946,886 be submitted to the City for consideration. After discussion, on a MOTION by Trustee D'Ambrosio and seconded by Trustee Matthews-Serra, the budget was approved as submitted.

Mr. Kenney reported that the WLS's Information Technology Funding Agreement had been approved by the Corporation Counsel and requested board approval. The WLS agreement was approved on a MOTION by Trustee D'Ambrosio and seconded by Trustee Furth.

Library Director Kenney asked that the Open Law topic be tabled until next month's meeting since no further information was available from the City at this time.

Mr. Kenney discussed the need for YA Librarian Erik Carlson to visit YouMedia at the Chicago Public Library. This is a new model of library service for young adults, and the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) and the MacArthur Foundation are providing grants to create similar libraries across the country. Librarian Carlson will use this information to help formulate a grant from IMLS for The Edge. On a MOTION by Trustee Matthews-Serra, seconded by Trustee D'Ambrosio, approval was given not to exceed \$500 for travel expenses for Erik Carlson.

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**Adjournment**

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on a MOTION by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Matthews-Serra.

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Yuki Haynes, Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees