

**White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Paul Schwarz. In attendance were Trustees Connors, Furth, Haynes, James, Scherer and Schwarz. Absent with notice were Trustee Barrera and Matthews-Serra. Absent without notice was Trustee D'Ambrosio. Also in attendance were Library Director Brian Kenney, Assistant Library Director Kathy Degyansky, Foundation Executive Director Libby Hollahan, and Sandra McDaniel, Library Secretary.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 11, 2013**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2013 were approved as corrected on a MOTION by Trustee Hope Furth, seconded by Trustee Tim Connors.

**Budget:**

City Revenue & Expenditure Budget by Department for January 6, 2014 was reviewed.

**Bills: 2013/14 Budget #9, #10**

Trustee Furth reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and found them to be in order. Payment of bill voucher #9 and #10 was approved as presented on a MOTION by Trustee Tim James, seconded by Trustee Yuki Haynes.

**Report of Library Administration**

Trustee James asked for more information regarding Latino-U programming and Library Director Kenney responded that Latino-U was an organization focused on increasing enrollment in college-bound youth. Mr. Kenney remarked that he was partnering with them because he believed their mission was a good fit for the library. The Board also discussed the technology and adult services report as well as the statistical highlights reports.

**Trustee Reports & Business**

**WLS** – Trustee Furth reported remarked that WLS did not meet.

**Friends** – Meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Foundation** – Ms. Hollahan discussed that the Grand Opening of The Edge and remarked that there was a link on the City's website of the event. Ms. Hollahan read a letter from a patron that praised the library for their work and was looking forward to the rest of the renovation. Ms. Hollahan has been spending the technology money for The Edge and had recently purchased a 3D printer. Ms. Hollahan noted that the annual appeal would wrap up next week.

**Ongoing Business:**

Library Director Kenney remarked that more kids were coming into The Edge every day and it was extremely gratifying to see it succeed.

Mr. Kenney advised the Board that there Phase II and III of the renovation project has been postponed until 2015-2016 timeframe. The Board was very disappointed that the project would be delayed. Trustee Furth remarked that it would be very hard to ask for donations with this delay and agreed to meet with a few others to try to appeal the decision.

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Library Director Kenney reviewed his December 17<sup>th</sup> email to the Board that outlined the Youth Bureau's request to use the library for a fundraising event with the local chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Mr. Kenney also noted that the library would now be a co-sponsor of the event. On a MOTION by Trustee Furth, seconded by Trustee James, approval was granted to use the library for a Youth Bureau-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority joint-fundraising event on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.

**New Business:**

Library Director Kenney reviewed his preliminary plans for the budget and would go into further detail at the next Board meeting.

Assistant Library Director Degyansky shared the good news with the Board that the library was awarded a Creative Aging grant. Library Director Kenney has been working on a federal grant, IMLS Sparks, which will focus on technology programming for kids.

Mr. Kenney reviewed the planned attendance of some of the library staff at upcoming conferences and noted that in the past the support for continuing education had come from The Friends of the Library.

On a MOTION by Trustee Haynes, seconded by Trustee Furth, the 2014/2015 Library Holiday Schedule was approved.

On a MOTION by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Connors, Personnel Additions/Deletions 10/1/13 – 12/31/13 were approved.

Assistant Library Director Degyansky invited the Board to the annual Friends of the Library staff luncheon being held on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-2p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a MOTION by Trustee Tim James, seconded by Trustee Tom Scherer.

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Yuki Haynes, Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees