

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 24, 2005

Present:

Board Members: K. Emmett, Chair; E. Abate; G. Caggainello; T. Cassone; R. King; D. Williams

Citizen Advisers: T. Payne; H. Romanowitz; W. Warrick

Staff: E. DiMattia; N. Bochicchio; A. Knapp; G. Nichols

Guest: C. Guinta; F. Kugler; D. Russell;
Dino Reda (Van Brunt, DuBiago & Company);
Herbert Newman, Michelle Ariola & Kate Newhall
(Herbert S. Newman & Partners, P.C.)

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Williams reviewed the report on financial operations for the three-months ending September 30, 2005, noting variances in several revenue and expense categories.

Mr. Reda presented the report of the Independent Auditors for the year ending June 30, 2004, noting changes from the previously issued report for that period. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as presented. Mr. Reda also distributed and reviewed the Independent Auditors report the year ending June 30, 2005. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

President's Report

From his September report, Mr. DiMattia discussed several topics, including various technology upgrades, a mailing to parents on children's services, and distribution of this year's "educator's packet".

Executive Committee

Ms. Emmett indicated that in addition to reviewing matters to be taken up at this Board of Trustees Meeting, the Committee also discussed the plans for the Foundation dinner to be held on December 6th. She added that the Mayor has notified the Library that he has appointed Moira Lyons to succeed Bill Warrick on the Board of Trustees.

Pension Committee

Mr. Warrick reported that the Pension Committee met with the Pension Plan's actuary and pension counsel on October 5, 2005 to compare the plan's provisions with pension plans of other governmental employers.

Friends of Ferguson

Mr. DiMattia noted that the Friends membership drive is underway and sales at the Main Library and Bennett Bookshops continue to be strong.

Other Business

Mr. DiMattia introduced Mr. Newman and his colleagues who discussed the architectural plans for the Main Library renovation.

Mr. DiMattia and Mr. Bochicchio reviewed the proposed Capital Budget request for 2005 – 2013, which is to be submitted to the Planning Board in November. It contains six projects totaling \$2,563,000 for 2006 – 2007 funding. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the capital budget as submitted.

Ms. Emmett distributed the suggested Committee Assignments for 2005 – 2006. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the roster of committee appointments. A list of proposed Citizen Advisers was also distributed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the recommendations as presented.

The following resolution was made, seconded and approved:

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Romanowitz has served as a member of the Board for five years, 2000 – 2005, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Romanowitz has served as Board Chair for one year, and, Vice-Chair for one year, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Romanowitz has served as Chair of the Executive, Building, and Long Range Planning Committees, and as a member of the Education, Nominating, and Pension Committees, as well as Board Liaison to the Ferguson Library Foundation and the Friends of Ferguson Library Board of Directors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The Ferguson Library hereby extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Harry Romanowitz for his distinguished service.

The following resolution was made, seconded and approved:

WHEREAS, William W. Warrick has served as a member of the Board for five years, 2000 – 2005, and,

WHEREAS, William W. Warrick has served as Treasurer for two years, and,

WHEREAS, William W. Warrick has served as Chair of the Development and Pension Committees, and as a member of the Executive, Long Range Planning, and Nominating Committees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The Ferguson Library hereby extends its sincerest appreciation to William W. Warrick for his distinguished service.

Executive Session

The Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a personal matter. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas M. Cassone, Esq.
Secretary