

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

DeKalb Public Library

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendell Johnson, Bill Cummings, Susan Richter, Joan Burger,
Carolyn Massey, Gary Vander Meer.

Members Absent: Janis Kirts, Joe Mitchell

Guests: Marisa Glover, Samantha Hathaway

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Wendell Johnson.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mark Charvat, read by Emily Faulkner – Mr. Charvat would like all board meeting back up materials and agendas posted on the Library website. He is also concerned over payments made to the library and promised payments of remittance to taxpayers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Misty Haji-Sheikh – Ms. Haji-Sheikh is concerned about promised return of taxpayer funds, the publishing of board meeting agendas, and the Library's handicapped parking availability.
- Bessie Chronopoulous – Ms. Chronopolous brings support to comments from Mr. Charvat and Ms. Haji-Sheikh: the return of taxpayer funds, the publishing of board meeting agendas and back-up materials, and concerns regarding handicapped access to the lower meeting rooms.
- William Pohlman – Mr. Pohlman is concerned about the tax Levy, and promised funds being returned to taxpayers.

MEETING

- Not a voting meeting; rather a discussion of the Levy, taxpayer money to be returned, and options moving forward when final funds are received from state
- A discussion of scenarios of options regarding the Levy:
 - 1) Maintain Levy, No Remittance
 - 2) Maintain Levy, Remit Funds Less Fees & Interest
 - 3) Maintain Levy, Remit Funds
 - 4) Lowe Levy, Remit funds
- The board weighed pros and cons of each option.

- A question of the remittance amount per taxpayer was asked: approximation of \$91.60 per property taxpayer based on \$150,000 market value, a difference of -\$5 if remittance is less fees and interest.
- The end of the discussion resulted in a question of the original meeting where the DeKalb Public Library approached the City Council asking for funds and the Levy.
 - The question being: was a full remittance of funds, or a remittance of funds less fees promised?
- Confirmation of February 14, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was called to close by Wendell Johnson at 8:18p.m.
 - Seconded by Bill Cummings.