

MINUTES
WINFILED PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 12, 2008

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Winfield Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present:	Absent:
Carol Tenyak-O'Connor	Michael Belica
Robert Brown	Laura Slivinski
Ida Lee	
Cindy Keck	

Matthew Suddarth, Library Director

IV. Approval of Agenda

Brown moved approval of the agenda as presented; Lee seconded. Ayes: all present.

V. Consent Agenda

Brown moved approval of the consent agenda as presented; Lee seconded. Ayes: all present.

VI. Communication and Correspondence

The library received an e-mail from Rebecca Johnson indicating interest in making a donation to the library from her family's foundation. The library received \$5,555.00 in 2006. She expressed interest in donating to the Children's Reading Program, and to the building project.

Suddarth reported sending a thank-you letter to the DuPage Center for Independent Living for their help with the ADA evaluation needed for the Illinois State Library Per Capita Grant.

Suddarth sent a letter to Trevor Suddarth giving permission for him to use any data from the library survey in a public forum.

Suddarth received a thank-you for his presentation to the Introduction to Library Science class at Dominican University.

An ILA update was presented. The main news was that all local library referenda failed in the recent election.

VII. Citizens to Speak

None.

VIII. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Finance

Tenyak-O'Connor, Brown and Suddarth met with Steve Larson of Ehlers and Associates on November 10, 2008 to discuss ways to finance an addition to the library. Larson said the library might squeak by doing the project with the funds now on hand and expected from taxes, but it could leave the operating budget very cash strapped. He suggested a referendum to let bonds. For the amount the library needs, it would mean an increase of taxes of about \$30.00 per year for home with a market value of about \$300,000. The library could put a referendum on the ballot April of 2009 or the spring of 2010. There will be about a year's lag from the time of passing before any new revenue would come in. the village could put it on the ballot for the library, or the library could put it on themselves by having petitions signed. Brown suggested we get petitions signed as a gauge of support. Discussion followed over the range of monies to be sought, whether or not to include the north addition, whether or not any raise in taxes will pass in the current economic climate, whether or not easy access to the bulicing is enough of a concern to the public that they will pass a small temporary tax increase. Suddarth reported the flood plain and drainage should not be an issue. Tenyak-O'Connor mentionaed the huge effort this will take. Browns suggested each board member talk to their friends and neighbors and report back to the board in December as to what they think people will favor. Suddarth said patrons express great concern with the entrance issue. When the last referendum was defeated, approximately 800 more yes votes would have passed it. Suddarth mentioned the Historical Society, the Winfield Library Friends, and the Winfield Area Gardeners supported the last referendum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. due to Bob Brown needing to leave.

Suddarth presented his report to the remaining trustees after adjournment:

Illinois State Library 2009 Building Grants can be applied for. Due to the delay in our building process, it will make more sense to apply next year.

Suddarth is investigating the possibility of buying a used book drop from the Naperville Public Library.

The DLS legislative breakfast will be Monday, Nov. 17 at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Lee and Tenyak-O'Connor will accompany Suddarth.

Upcoming business for the Legislative Committee for the next year include reintroducing vetoed bills from the past legislative session, and watching for legislation involving internet filtering.

Suddarth spoke to a class at Dominican University in October.

The Winfield Public Library turns 40 this month.

There will be an Open House on December 13.

The Winfield Chamber of Commerce board of directors is looking for a president elect.

The Winfield Library Friends have sent their annual membership mailing. They are still looking for officers.

The next meeting of the Winfield Public Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Keck, secretary