

Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2006

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY and
The William and Margaretta Taylor Memorial Association
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 7:30 PM
Library Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Jon Strubbe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Susan Gatton, Betsy Booth, Jon Strubbe, David Riede, Lynda Tebelak, Mary Lou Gault, Robert Ferguson and Library Director, Kevin Rosswurm.

Excused: Joanne Green, Sandra Krueger, Audrey Sandor and Jack Hayes

Guests: Ellin Walsh, *Cuyahoga Falls News-Press*, and Lou Schott

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda as written, with any necessary changes or additions as determined by the President during the meeting, was made by Robert Ferguson, seconded by Lynda Tebelak, and passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the *Regular Meeting* of April 18, 2006 was made by David Riede, seconded by Betsy Booth, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Jamie Iceman.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr. Schott distributed an article from the *Akron Beacon Journal* and asked for comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan Gatton presented and moved the payment of the April and May, 2006 bills in the amount of \$157,647.93. The motion was seconded by Betsy Booth and passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Gatton presented the various fund balances as of April 30, 2006 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 445,692.27
Building Fund	1,441,881.76
Endowment	31,833.96
Caroline Affleck Memorial Scholarship Fund	55,539.95
Carl & Mary Graefe Fund	111,081.23
Paul & Mildred Underwood Memorial Fund	24,794.21
Children's Literary Fund	9,489.07
CLERK'S BALANCE	\$2,120,312.45

The month-to-date Bank Report as follows:

Primary Checking	\$210,821.78
Petty Cash and change	140.00
Star Ohio	1,909,350.67
TOTAL	\$2,120,312.45

Mrs. Gatton moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit; seconded by Robert Ferguson. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. BUILDING: No report
- B. AFFLECK SCHOLARSHIP: No report
- C. SCULPTURE/DONATED ART: No report
- D. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: No report
- E. GRAEFE MEMORIAL: Will place flowers on the graves for Memorial Day
- F. FINANCE: No report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Please see written report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS: None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:09

Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanne Green, Secretary/de

Approved By,

Jon Strubbe, Board President

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Circulation totals dropped once again. Library patrons borrowed 7,600 fewer items this April than they did a year ago. Adult circulation was off 12.5%; children's was down 10.4%. DVDs and books-on-disc, as they have all year, bucked the trend and circulated more than they did a year ago. We also loaned 51 down-loadable audio books in April.

The library sponsored 49 programs last month, with over 750 in attendance. Two programs of interest were the health session *Maintain Your Brain* and the travelogue *San Diego and the South*. Children's Services prepared 62 programs, in and out of the library, which were attended by over 1800 youngsters. The youth programs of note were *Baby Signs* and the magician *Tom Phoolery*

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

We are slowly, but inevitably completing the construction project. The holes were finally drilled in the circulation desk and the new light fixtures installed in the entrance. A few more tasks remain, but the end is in sight.

LEVY

The library and its many users suffered a bitter defeat on May 2. We took one more ward than we did in November and managed to gain a percent, increasing the yes vote to 49%. We still lost by 136 votes, however. (These are preliminary figures. The final count will be issued by the end of the month.) We now have a very difficult decision to make: place the levy on the November ballot, or lose a year and wait until 2007?