

Westland Public Library  
Board of Trustee Minutes  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009  
Meeting Rooms A & B

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 7:24 PM by Board President Leslie Bell

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Bell – President

Samuel Durante – Vice-President

Duane Moody - Treasurer

Rebecca Kelly – Secretary (joined meeting at 7:42)

Eddie Rice

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Napsha – Library Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara - Library Attorney

2. Citizen Comments

None from audience. Board discussed citizen comment cards with Ms. Naphsa.

3. Consent Calendar

None

4. Guest Presentations

None

5. Business

a. Employee of the Month

Claire Mueller was recognized as the library's employee of the month for June 2009 and granted use of Employee-of-the-Month parking space.

b. Introduction of new board member

Eddie Rice was introduced and gave a brief self-bio.

c. Approval of Minutes for the regular meeting of April 8, 2009.

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 regular board meeting as presented

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Durante

Moody - yes  
Durante - yes  
Rice - abstain  
Bell - yes

Motion Carried

d. Approval of Bills

MOTION, to approve payment of bills as submitted

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Durante

Moody - yes  
Durante - yes  
Rice - yes  
Bell - yes

Motion Carried

e. Review of Proposed Budget for FY2009-2010

MOTION, to approve proposed budget for FY2009-2010 as presented

Motion by: Durante

Support by: Rice

Durante - yes  
Rice - yes  
Moody - no  
Kelly - yes  
Bell - yes

Motion Carried

## 6. Director's Report

Rice: Asked about the new library hours and was informed that new hours start June 1, 2009.

Kelly: Commented on the newspaper article and citizen comment card that indicated a level of patron unhappiness with the folk singer in April. Ms. Napsha responded that the singer brought a strong political message that was very liberal.

Durante: Remarked that reports and packets are put together well.

Moody: None

Bell: Asked about Dorsey Center closing. Ms. Napsha explained that the Salvation Army received a grant and will set up a library and computer center. Ms. Bell also happy to see the increase in type of computer classes being offered, adult services and children's departments continue to amaze. Fabulous 1<sup>st</sup> readers report using strategic plan was excellent and numbers for Measure of Success were outstanding. Also commented that book alarm had been fixed and asked when feedback would be given from energy audit.

## 7. Committee Reports

None

## 8. Board Member Comments

Durante: Welcomed Eddie Rice to the board and extended congratulations to Claire Mueller. Thanked the board and Ms. Napsha for patience on April minutes.

Moody: Welcomed Eddie Rice to the board and thinks he'll be a good asset. Offered congratulations to Claire Mueller. Told Ms. Napsha she has done a good job as usual.

Bell: Welcomed Eddie Rice to the board and offered her congratulations to Claire Mueller.

Kelly: Welcomed Eddie Rice to the board and looks forward to working with him. Asked Ms. Napsha to ensure proper working condition of the delivery button due to her difficulty gaining access to the building from the side.

Rice: Extended his thanks to Ms. Napsha for his tour of the library and commented that the library has a beautiful and amazing set-up. He also stated that he thinks he will enjoy serving on the board.

9. Miscellaneous handouts:

None

10. Next meeting topics

None

11. Adjournment

Motion by: Moody

Support by: Kelly

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting @ 8:13 PM

Moody – yes

Kelly – yes

Durantel – yes

Rice – yes

Bell - yes

Motion Carried

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TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Cheryl Napsha  
RE: Employee of the month, June 2009

Claire Mueller has served the library as a Children's Associate since its inception in 1996. During that time she has distinguished herself by both her gentleness and her talent for working with children of all ages.

One of Claire's strengths is in leading Baby Storytime for children from birth to 18 months with their caregivers. Claire shows by example the best ways to engage a baby and begin to give them the gift of language. She helps parents learn songs, rhyme and interactive stories, which they can then use at home. She's also preparing parents and children for the next stage of programming, the Toddler Storytimes. Baby Storytime is a lovely program to watch, and Claire does a great job with that audience.

She also hosts the bi-lingual Family Storytimes, using her skills in French and Spanish to expand the interests and needs of our users.

Claire's range extends from birth to supervising all the teen volunteers for the library. That's a massive job which includes more than 40 teens to assist with Summer Reading Club, as well as those who volunteer for community service, church and scout requirements, and the Youth Assistance Program. Training them, ensuring that they have tasks, and following up is a huge undertaking, and Claire handles it with her usual grace.

We appreciate that as a part-time employee Claire is always willing to adjust her schedule to meet the changing needs of her department.

It is for these reasons and more that we recognize Claire Mueller as the Employee of the Month for June 2009.