

MINUTES
ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cynthia Richey, J. Terrence Farrell, Cynthia Richey, Joy Gaetano, Brad Fish, and (via teleconference) Diane Yates.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Jane Lowry and Shawn Flaherty.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Jenkins, Carolyn Marks, Kelly McCormick, Russ Walker, Robyn Hammer-Clarey, Sharon McRae, Kathy Robinson, Glenn Walsh, and Kimberley Hrivnak.

6:05 P.M. Call to order – Cynthia Richey

A. Determination of Quorum – Quorum established.

B. **Public Comments** – Kathy Robinson, Crafton Public Library, read a statement asking all to ask questions in a timely manner.

C. **Consent Agenda** – MOTION made by Gaetano and seconded by Fish to accept the following items on the consent agenda as submitted:
1. December Financial Statements
2. Resolution for 403(b) requirements
MOTION carried unanimously.

Richey noted additional changes to the December meeting minutes and also noted two concerns regarding 2009 Board Committees. She noted that the Bylaws require three Board members to serve on the Governance Committee, and she expressed concern over the appointment of Brad Fish to the Personnel Committee citing a potential conflict of interest. Gaetano noted she did not perceive the conflict but suggested that the matter be tabled until further discussion with Lowry could be conducted. Farrell concurred. The Board accepted that recommendation, holding decisions on Committee appointments until the February Board meeting.

MOTION made by Farrell and seconded by Gaetano to accept the December 2008 minutes with corrections noted. MOTION carried unanimously.

C. **Requests for Additions or Changes to the Agenda** – Richey requested a discussion regarding Keystone Grants and the NEA “Big Read” program.

E. **Announcements** – None.

Action and Discussion Items

- A. **Critical Issues Process** – Jenkins had asked the Board how it wished to provide input into the Critical Issues Process. The Board specifically requested that it be invited along with and at the same time as the Regions to provide feedback and comment on any recommendations presented by the various Task Forces.
- B. **Sto-Rox Process** – Jenkins had asked how the Board wishes to handle the matter of working with the F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library to determine a long-term solution to its current situation. Gaetano suggested a Task Force could look at background information on library use, standards, and finances and to meet with the Focus on Renewal sponsors to help develop a plan. Jenkins also suggested that it would be prudent to consider discussion taking place in some of the Critical Issues Task Forces that might also be helpful in this process. Richey, Jenkins, and Debes will serve on the taskforce, with two library directors to be identified. The Task Force was asked to provide an interim report at the March Board meeting.
- C. **Keystone Grants** – Four libraries have submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for Keystone Grants. They are:
1. Monroeville Public Library (lighting, HVAC)
 2. Sewickley (restroom renovations)
 3. Braddock (new elevator)
 4. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (South Side branch renovations)
- A fifth Letter of Intent is pending from Lauri Ann West Memorial Library.
- D. **NEA “Big Read”** – Richey commented that the “Big Read” program is a nationally publicized event and participation in the program in conjunction with the One Book program is worth looking into. Discussion ensued. Gaetano suggested the pros and cons should be weighed. Jenkins suggested the matter be discussed at the next Librarians Advisory Council meeting. The Board concurred.

Staff Introduction – Charity Leonette, Special Services Coordinator and Webmaster, gave a brief presentation on her job responsibilities and duties.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Terrence Farrell, Secretary