

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annual Meeting

September 17, 2009

1. Call to order:

President Dean Chase called the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Program Room of the Newport Public Library.

In attendance: Dean Chase, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Louis Fazzano, Paul Gaines, William Haas, William Harvey, Fernando Larrey, Kiki Mitchell, Laura F. Pedrick Raymond Picozzi, Joseph Pratt, Sheila Sulentic and library director Regina Slezak.

Excused: Mary C. Connolly, Doriene Farzan,

2. Welcome:

Dean Chase, President of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the members of the Board as well as members of the Friends of the Library and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Newport Public Library. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

3. Minutes of the September 18, 2008 Annual Meeting:

Board of Trustees Secretary William Harvey distributed copies of the minutes of the September 18, 2008 Annual Meeting.

Louis Fazzano made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2008 Annual Meeting as presented. Paul Gaines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Dean Chase, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Louis Fazzano, Paul Gaines, William Haas, William Harvey, Fernando Larrey, Kiki Mitchell, Laura Pedrick, Raymond Picozzi, Joseph Pratt, and Sheila Sulentic. The motion carried.

4. Annual Report:

a. President's report:

Dean Chase thanked the library staff for their support, library director Regina Slezak for her prudent leadership and members of the Board of Trustees for their stewardship in making the past year successful. He said that the library is a jewel at so many levels and a blessing to the community.

b. Finance Committee report:

Sheila Sulentic gave the library's year end financial statement. The library finished the year with a total income of \$2,115,716 mostly coming from the state and city including \$13,389 raised for FY 2010. Expenses totaled \$2,082,822 with an additional \$25,00 placed in our

health insurance reserve and \$7,894 in our building repair reserve. The library remained conservative in its spending with salaries increasing less than 1%.

c. Library Director's report:

Regina Slezak reported the library has seen increased visits and borrowing this year due to the economic downturn. The staff is moving forward on establishing a new customer centric service module. The library has undergone subtle but important changes in better signage, new displays and colorful interior.

5. Elections:

a. Election of Board Members to 2nd term, 2009-2010:

The following Board members are presented for election to a second term to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library:

Gail Alofsin

Fernando Larrey

William Haas made a motion to elect the presented names to a second term on the Board of Trustees. Joseph Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Dean Chase, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Louis Fazzano, Paul Gaines, William Haas, William Harvey, Fernando Larrey, Kiki Mitchell, Laura Pedrick, Raymond Picozzi, Joseph Pratt, and Sheila Sulentic.

The motion carried.

b. Election of new Board members:

The following are presented for election to a first term to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library:

Mary Ambrogi

Robin Skuncik-Jones

Joseph Pratt made a motion to elect the presented names to a first term on the Board of Trustees. Paul Gaines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Dean Chase, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Louis Fazzano, Paul Gaines, William Haas, William Harvey, Fernando Larrey, Kiki Mitchell, Laura Pedrick, Raymond Picozzi, Joseph Pratt, and Sheila Sulentic.

The motion carried.

c. Election of officers for FY 2009-2010:

The following slate of officers is presented for election to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library:

William Corcoran President

William Harvey II Vice President

Sheila Sulentic Treasurer

Carol Cummins Secretary

Kiki Mitchell moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. William Haas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Dean Chase, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Louis Fazzano, Paul Gaines, William Haas, William Harvey, Fernando Larrey, Kiki Mitchell, Laura Pedrick, Raymond Picozzi, Joseph Pratt, and Sheila Sulentic.

The motion carried.

d. Recognition of Board Service:

Two members of the Board of Trustees have completed two terms and will be leaving the Board. Louis Fazzano served on the Finance Committee. Joseph Pratt is a past president of the Board. Dean Chase thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Books will be added to the library's collection commemorating their service.

6. Signing of Agreement with the Newport Public Library Charitable Trust:

Shawn Buckless from Fund Consultants Inc. has been working with the Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library and the members of the Trust in creating documents for the Newport Public Library Charitable Trust. He gave an overview of the part each group plays in fundraising for the library.

An agreement was and signed by each group, formalizing their fundraising roles. William Corcoran signed for the Board of Trustees, Raymond Picozzi signed for the Friends and Joseph Pratt signed for

the Newport Public Library Charitable Trust.

7. Adjournment:

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Refreshments were served.