

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annual Meeting

September 15, 2011

1. Call to order: President William Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Program Room of the Newport Public Library.

Attendance: Mary Ambrogi, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Paul Gaines, David Gordon, William Haas, William Harvey, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, David Reed, Joan Simmons, Sheila Sulentic and library director Regina Slezak.

Excused: Gail Alofsin, Doriene Farzan

Absent: Lesley Thurston

2. Additions or changes to the agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

3. Welcome:

William Harvey, President of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the members of the Board as well as Friends of the Library and library volunteers and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Newport Public Library.

4. Minutes of the September 16, 2010 Annual Meeting:

Board of Trustees Secretary Carol Cummins asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Annual Meeting. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve.

Mary Ambrogi made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Annual Meeting as presented. William Corcoran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Mary Ambrogi, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Paul Gaines, David Gordon, William Haas, William Harvey, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, David Reed, Joan Simmons and Sheila Sulentic. The motion carried.

5. Annual Report:

a. President's report:

William Harvey stated that according to news reports, libraries are on endangered species lists due to budget cuts and the popularity of the Internet. However, this is not true as libraries allow all citizens to meet and share ideas. Public libraries are a place to learn and share ideas not only through literature but with new technology.

b. Finance Committee report:

Robin Skuncik Jones, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, stated that the library finished the year in good financial position. The library had \$2,162,789 in income with \$2,110,109 in expenses plus \$35,000 going into the health insurance reserve and \$17,680 into the building repair

reserve.

c. Library Director's report:

Regina Slezak thanked all the volunteers including the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication to the library. She also thanked the staff for helping to change the face of the library and helping move toward customer centric service. She announced that copies of the library's annual report are available, outlining these changes and steps towards reaching this goal.

Friends of the Library:

Joan Simmons reported that the Friends Bookstore had an incredible year with increased sales in the bookstore and online through eBay. On behalf of the Friends, she presented Board of Trustees President William Harvey with a check for \$25,000. As a surprise, the Friends also gave the library a gift certificate worth \$10,000 for special projects.

6. Elections:

a. Election of new Board members:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mary Ambrogi presented the following for election to a first term to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library:

Jennifer Booth Gerard Galvin

Lynn Ceglie Eileen Hadfield

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

Mary Ambrogi President

Carol Cummins Vice President

Robin Skuncik Jones Treasurer

Susan McCoy Secretary

David Gordon moved to accept the slate as presented. David Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion are Mary Ambrogi, William Corcoran, Carol Cummins, Paul Gaines, David Gordon, William Haas, William Harvey, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, David Reed, Joan Simmons and Sheila Sulentic. The motion carried.

d. Recognition of Board Service:

Three members of the Board of Trustees have completed two terms and will be leaving the Board. Sheila Sulentic, William Corcoran and William Haas were thanked for their hard work and dedication. William Harvey has also completed his term but will remain on the Board as Immediate Past President.

Books will be added to the library's collection commemorating their

service.

e. Recognition of Staff and Volunteers:

Again this year, the Board wanted to honor its volunteers who work at making the library the best it can be. Mary Ambrogi and William Harvey read the names of the volunteers and invited them to select a book and write their name on the bookplate to commemorate their dedication to the library.

7. Adjournment:

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