

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annual Meeting

September 18, 2014

1. Call to order: President Robin Skuncik Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Program Room of the Newport Public Library.

Attendance: Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Chuck Flippo, Angel Gonzalez, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, David Reed, Jessica Walsh and library director Regina Slezak.

Excused David Gordon, Linda Martin

2. Additions or changes to the agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

3. Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Annual Meeting:

Susan McCoy asked for changes or additions to the September 19, 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Jennifer Booth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Girard Galvin seconded the motion Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Angel Gonzalez, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed and Jessica Walsh voted for the motion. There were no

votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4. Annual Report:

a. President's report:

Robin Skuncik Jones reported that it was a good year for the Newport Public Library. The library is moving ahead and making changes while transitioning with a new library director. She thanked retiring director Regina Slezak for her 15 years of service to the library and introduced the new library director, Anne M. Shepherd.

b. Finance Committee report:

Michael Dawson, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, stated that the library finished the year in a strong financial position. The library had \$2,219,514 in income with \$2,176,809 in expenses plus \$35,000 going into the health insurance reserve and \$7,732 into the building repair reserve.

c. Friends Report:

Chuck Flippo reported that the volunteers are very dedicated and have worked hard. The Friends bookstore and e-Bay sales were strong again this year. The Friends funded the library's Chamber of Commerce membership and science programs for the Children's Summer Reading Program.

On behalf of the Friends, he presented Board of Trustees President Robin Skuncik Jones with a check for \$25,000.

d. Library Director's report:

Regina Slezak reported that the past year was a year of challenges and opportunities. The bookmobile was retired and replaced with a community outreach program. The Champlin Foundation funded the reorganization of the circulation department including a new front desk.

It was also a year of farewells, with three staff members, including herself, retiring from the library. Regina thanked the staff, the volunteers and the Board of Trustees for their help and support during her tenure at the library.

5. Elections:

a. Election of new Board members:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Jessica Walsh presented the following for election to a second term to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library:

Jennifer Booth

Lynn Ceglie

Girard Galvin

David Reed made a motion to elect the Board members to a second term as presented. Angel Gonzalez seconded the motion. Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Angel Gonzalez, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed and Jessica Walsh voted

for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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

Robin Skuncik Jones President

Jennifer Booth Vice President

Michael Dawson Treasurer

Susan McCoy Secretary

David Reed made a motion to slate of officers as presented. Girard Galvin seconded the motion Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Angel Gonzalez, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed and Jessica Walsh voted for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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. Robin Skuncik Jones and Michael Dawson 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. The books are added to the library's circulating collection.

6. Adjournment:

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.