



Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017

Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Whitaker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, Barbara Fields, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, and Roberta Patterson

Absent: Tamika Price

Trustee Fields joined the meeting at 6:14pm.

Secretary Price joined the meeting at 6:16pm.

Vice-President Nesbitt joined the meeting at 6:30pm.

BUDGET HEARING for FY 2017/2018

Trustee Harris suggested that when the board is going over figures that it be shown to the audience on the overhead projector so that they can see what's being talked about.

President Patterson states that the budget cannot be publicly posted until it has been voted on.

Trustee Harris asked, if \$10,892.96 was the amount on hand at the end of last fiscal year in the general fund?

Treasurer Whitaker states that the amount shown on the budget represents a culmination of all of the accounts.

Trustee Harris states for a matter of record that the salary amount shown on the budget be reduced.

Treasurer Whitaker states that the amount has been reduced and he's afraid if its cut anymore it may affect how the library is ran. He states that what he will like to continue to have is an operating and functioning library.

Trustee Fields states that she spoke with some patrons and asked, what they will like to see in the library? She states that HPLD don't seem to be understaffed, she states that she seen a lot of staff when she was talking to the patrons.



DISCUSSION-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Crudup asked, what was the percentage cut in salaries from the last proposed budget? He states that he has set on different boards and even on the county level they were asked to cut only 10% in salaries.

Director Flowers states that there was a 30% salary cut made to the proposed budget.

Mr. Crudup states that the board of library trustees and Director Flowers done a great job on reducing the budget by that amount.

Mr. Crudup asked Trustee Harris about a STEAM program flier that she had in her hand. He asked, what library was it from? He states that he works at the Blue Island Public Library part-time.

Trustee Harris states that she got it from the Blue Island Library. She states that HPLD should start some of the STEM and STEAM programs.

Mr. Crudup states that HPLD will be implementing some STEM programs that will stay in the budget guidelines.

President Patterson states that HPLD has a lot a programs and if some of the trustees spent more time in the HPLD than in the others libraries they will know about all the programs HPLD has to offer to the community.

Ms. Donahue states that she has asked people about the library and she's been told from several people that they feel like the library isn't being utilized to its fullest capabilities. She states that there's not enough traffic in the library, she asked, how does the library get information out about the programs and services?

Ms. Seay asked, Mr. Crudup if he works at another library? She states that he needs to try and get rich at the other library and not at HPLD, she states that he will not get another raise out of this community.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patterson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing meeting at 6:36pm and was seconded by Vice-President Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Barbara Fields, Jerlene Harris, Tamika Price,
William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbit, and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Meeting Adjourned.