

Minutes / Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board
Meeting of Tuesday, December 13, 2011

(m/s/a = already
on file)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Present": S. Quinn Clark, presiding; J. Greene, H. Hand. B. Katz,
C. Rees, D. Truman, J. Stoughton (ex officio)

Absent: E. Bar-Shalom, E. Chibeau (in transition: R. Pollack)

Minutes of the Special Meeting of 8/18/11 were approved with
no dissentation or abstention. Minutes of the Special Meeting of
9/1/11 were approved with no dissentation and 1 abstention
(J. Greene)

No public attended the meeting or offered public comment

Status report on search for Library Director:

J. Stoughton reported on the status of the search - that
interviews had taken place at various levels of the process,
and that the process was reaching the stage soon where an offer
would be made to a finalist. D. Truman was thanked for serving
during the interview process on behalf of the Board
(the "semi-finalist" stage is where the matter was at as of this
particular Library Board meeting)

Judy Stoughton reported highlights from our ^{town's} ~~town's~~ update -
on-the-F.O.I. meeting, and distributed a sheet of highlights
of the procedures which boards such as ours need to adhere to as
regards ~~our~~ regularly ~~and~~ scheduled meetings, special meetings,
and emergency meetings (a slightly ~~altered~~ set for each of these
possible situations.) The board noted in particular adjustments
to ~~the~~ most recent understandings of the regulations'
applications: in particular, ~~that~~ minutes can again ~~consist~~
consist of "moved/seconded/approved" items solely, or, can also
contain a "sense of the meeting" (recorder's own quotation marks)
but need not be exhaustive - and - that (an) item(s) may be
added to the agenda of a regular meeting by 2/3 vote of those
present; that a ~~record~~ record of votes needs to be filed
within 48 hrs. of a meeting, and that the minutes themselves
may be filed within a week (if not just a m/s/a format; but more
~~extensive~~ extensive.) (with the 72 hour deadline for emergency
meetings, which must also state the reason (s) for the
emergency meeting.)

Honoring Louise Bailey: The Board concurs with Ms. Bailey's
feeling that the Spring would be an excellent time for us to
honor her (having checked with her); and that planning (a) means
by which to do to so will take place at that time.
Ideas will be generated, and, selected among, and ~~to be~~ acted
upon.

Heidi Hand graciously volunteered to become our new Recording
Secretary. The board was informed of the resignation of Rita
Pollack, and has accepted this with regret (unanimously) - the
Board indicated that S. Clark will get written notice of thanks
and appreciation to Rita; and, also, to J. Stoughton, and to the
Library Staff as a whole, for excellent dedicated service during
the times of ~~her~~ transition recently as regards the Library
Directorship, and associated organizational matters.

- Respectfully Submitted; S. D. Clark