

Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library
Library Board of Trustees
Minutes from November 9, 2006

The Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on November 9, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Multipurpose Room.

Members present: Kevin Sipe, Chair; Nancy Roe, Secretary; Judith Burleigh, Ex-officio member Sonja Plummer-Morgan, Librarian; Earl Roy, Ex-officio member Spike Savage, and Joseph Zubrick. Not present: Treasurer Elaine Sipe

Kevin Sipe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

No public comment was offered.

For the Secretary's Report, it was moved and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes from the October 19, 2006 Trustees meeting as written and presented with a spelling correction of the word, "By-laws."

In lieu of a Treasurer's Report, Kevin updated Trustees on the legal fees accrued to date from lawyer Hugo Olore for research into encumbered and unencumbered funds within the Charitable Trust can be appropriated. It was moved and unanimously approved to pay the \$105.00 invoice. Sonja will give the total to Elaine for payment.

Librarian's Report – A copy of the Librarian's Report was distributed to each member including an attachment of the November Library Newsletter. Contents of the Librarian's Report include: kilowatt savings from efficiency lighting project, advertising for the reference librarian position, update on Library Book Club and others. It was moved and unanimously approved to accept the Librarian's Report as written and presented.

For Agenda item, "Building Committee Update" and "Report on Findings from Hugo Olore," each member was given a copy of the letter written by Hugo Olore regarding individual benefactors and funds within the Charitable Trust (see attached). Lengthy discussion followed regarding the Turner Foundation and its relevancy to the Library and other matters related to the Charitable Trust and how it may be spent. No action taken, but Kevin and Spike agreed to meet with Hugo Olore for further clarification on specific accounts and the parameters placed on how those funds may be spent.

For the Investment Policy Update, it was confirmed by Kevin that approval from the Council is required since it is a matter of Policy. Librarian will request a time on the Council Agenda so that the Investment Policy changes can be presented to the Council.

For the Term Limit item, Paul reported that the proposal presented was accepted by City Council. Judith and Nancy asked for clarification on what permissions or authority the

Council had granted. As a point of clarification, Judith and Nancy asked whether the Motion granting approval to approach the Council was strictly to request the ability to change the By-laws or whether the Motion was to present the Council with proposed By-laws including Term Limits? Discussion followed. A request was made to check the previous Minutes to clarify the intent of the Motion. Spike Savage found Minutes dated January 19, 2006 and they were read aloud. Judith then asked if the rotation procedure of Trustee terms included a provision for current members to be grandfathered under the old By-laws? Paul and Earl agreed to continue their Committee work and help to resolve some of those issues. It was the consensus of the Trustees that the Committee (Paul and Earl) will research the matter and present it to the Trustees.

Other matters under term limits, Kevin Sipe and Elaine Sipe have expiring terms 12/06. Elaine's appointment was to fulfill the remainder of Trustee that submitted his resignation (Greg Curtis). Kevin reported that they both intend to seek reappointment.

Nancy remarked that she watched Paul's presentation and complimented him on a job well done. Nancy also stated that if the premise for term limits was predicated on the notion that there were lists of citizens wanting to be appointed, it is not reflected in the number of citizens filling out applications and appearing before the Council. Discussion followed. No action taken.

There was no "Old Business" for discussion.

Under "New Business," Discussion about elections in December and the purpose for a Nominating Committee as indicated in the Library By-laws. Discussion followed with it moved and unanimously approved to appoint every member of the Library Board of Trustees as part of the Nominating Committee.

To appear on the Agenda for the December 14, 2006 Trustee Meeting, Investment Policy, Follow-up on Term Limit discussion, December Elections and Report from Hugo Olore.

Paul Hamlin asked what the current level of activity of the Building Committee is and whether that Committee needs to meet? No action taken.

Also discussed, City Council interviews for Trustee Candidates on December 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Elaine and Kevin will appear.

For the Book Talk, Kevin reported the book, *Why Do Men Barbecue?* by Richard A. Shweder, Spike spoke about his recent historical research.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Attest: Nancy Roe, Secretary