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CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
DECEMBER 7, 2010

MINUTES

Board members present: Heather Huzefka, Ryan Mattingly, Karyn Walker, Georgiann Wheeler,

Staff present: Ed Gallagher, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER

Walker called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2010, MINUTES

Huzefka made a motion to approve the minutes. Mattingly seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

MANELA INVOICES

Mattingly made a motion to approve payment of the Manela invoices. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Gallagher reported that the Foundation is looking for new Board members. The Foundation requested in a letter that the City assign a staff with more historical restoration experience to oversee the remainder of the Carnegie projects, Gallagher passed out the letter. The Foundation will staff the Carnegie during the upcoming Christmas Parlour Tour. They recently allocated another \$1,000 for their nonresident card scholarship program.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

October statistics indicate a continuation of business as usual, namely that circulation continues to be in the mid-60,000 range. Zeki, the steel sculpture outside the Carnegie Library, was installed and has been well-received. Next year's budget is projected to be more of the same, namely, a deficit budget. The Library will continue to use outside sources to plug the hole and will have a few staff retiring between June and December 2011. This should provide modest savings in year one and increase each year. The Library plans to rehire at lower pay rates to realize these savings.

The Board encourages the Library to look at all areas of expenditure and to be flexible in its approach. Business as usual is not a viable option at this time. The Board recommended that, if possible, coordinate any changes in operation with GAPS no school days.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 25, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Gallagher
Library Director