

**INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2010**

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The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board met at the Library Services Center, 2450 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**1. Call To Order**

President Shevlot presided as Chairman. Secretary Bacon was present.

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Mr. Bacon, Mr. Evenbeck, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Shevlot, Mr. Smith and Ms. Turner-Wright.

Members absent: None.

**3. Report on 2010 McFadden Lecture**

Chris Cairo, Director, Program Development Services Area, commented that there is an exciting program happening tomorrow evening. On Friday, April 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at North Central High School, the Library will be making history and the entire public is invited free of charge. For the first time in its 33-year history, the McFadden Lecture will attract more Gen X, Gen Y and Gen Z young people than it will baby boomers. Why is this? It is because this year's guest lecturer is Neil Gaiman. Mr. Gaiman is the popular author of creepy, supernatural fiction. He is a celebrity author that has walked the red carpet at the film premier of his wonderful book, *Coraline*, and he is acknowledged as a major writer of children's literature. He started his career as an author of comic books but has garnered national recognition as a major contemporary writer. Most importantly, he is the recent winner of the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature for his work *The Graveyard Book*.

Ms. Cairo also announced that there will be a free autographed book plate for everyone who attends the lecture.

**4. Public Comment and Communications**

**a. Public Comment**

Mr. Shevlot announced to the audience that the Library Board would not be voting on any items related to the Sustainable Library Project at tonight's meeting. He noted that the Board

will take the next couple of months to analyze the information they have received on this matter, talk to the public and meet with their respective committees before any decisions are made.

Several patrons were present who had signed up to address the Board. The individuals who spoke to the Board were as follows:

- 1) Chuck Coleman – President of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association and user of Spades Park. He mentioned that he realizes that the Library has major financial problems but he wanted the Board to know that the branch is this community's place to access information, resources, technology, programs and services. It is a place to foster reading and learning and to promote the social, economic, recreational and life-long learning interests of its diverse population. Mr. Coleman felt that the selection criteria used to choose the branches targeted for closure should be reconsidered. Most of the patrons who use Spades Park have to walk to the branch because they don't have transportation. If libraries are going to close, he suggested that IMCPL should close branches that are used by people who drive. Mr. Coleman requested that the Library reconsider the criteria for the proposed closures. He also suggested that the Library should meet with the affected neighborhoods.
- 2) Martha Latta – Resident of Windsor Park and user of Spades Park. Ms. Latta expressed concern on how fast the decision regarding the proposed closures was made. She asked that the Board take more time to consider their decision on the closures.
- 3) Katie Alford – User of Spades Park. Ms. Alford told the Board that she can walk to Spades Park. She noted that she often places her three children in their wagon and goes to the branch.
- 4) Heidi Lyda – Director of Lyn House and user of Spades Park. She stated that many families using the services of the Lyn House and the branch are living in poverty. The branch provides a safe place for people. Several individuals are receiving tutoring from Indy Reads at the branch. Closing Spades Park would devastate a community that is already in need.
- 5) Jim Mulholland – Community Building Coordinator for Southeast Neighborhood Development, a resident of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood and user of Spades Park and Fountain Square. Mr. Mulholland advised that the Fountain Square branch was central to the revitalization of the Fountain Square area. He went on to say that the walking issue is very important. Many people use the branch for employment services, etc. They surveyed 1,000 people recently to determine what businesses and institutions they used. The Library came out as number one in those surveys. His concern was that the options put forth reduce their services to zero while maintaining services in other branches. If there is going to be pain, he stated that it should be shared across the city and across the branches so that it is not done on the backs of very poor neighborhoods.
- 6) Jo Ann Classick – User of Central Library and Pike. She noted that she has a relative who is disabled and has worked at Central Library for ten years. Ms. Classick proposed that perhaps it would work to cut one day out of each branch's weekly schedule. Have the day staggered across town so that none of the libraries would have to close. She also offered that perhaps some staff members might be willing to take a cut in their work

hours. Lastly, recruit additional volunteers to work at IMCPL.

- 7) Matthew Stone – User of Central Library and Glendale. Mr. Stone advised that his first job was working for IMCPL in the distribution center. He noted that he wished to remind everyone, both the Board and the public, that the City-County Council, when they were approving the budgets for this year, the Library received a unanimous vote. Even though the Library has faced some controversy in the past, the Library has been a responsible steward of the taxpayers’ money. His hope is that if we close branches now and then find ourselves in a better financial state, we won’t have to spend more money in the future to re-open branches previously closed. Mr. Stone referenced the letter that Andre Carson had sent to the Library on this matter. He hopes that all situations are explored to stabilize the current situation before closing any branches.
  
- 8) Josephine Rogers – Executive Director, Martindale-Brightwood Community Development Corp. The Martindale-Brightwood community is one of the oldest communities in Indianapolis with almost 59% home ownership in the area. Ms. Rogers noted that the area is primarily African-American and the average yearly income for families is less than \$30,000. Patrons walk to this branch. Stakeholders are bringing a lot of resources to the area. She noted that it has been announced that a new community center is planned for the neighborhood. The Brightwood branch has been the central meeting place for a lot of the neighborhood associations and for job/workforce development programs. The branch is also a source of technology. Ms. Rogers commented that the public would like to participate more in the decision-making process on the potential closures. The branch of the future might look different than the one today but the community still needs a library.
 

Mr. Lingenfelter inquired if there would be any additional space in the new community center.

Ms. Rogers advised that there will be 50,000 square feet in the center. She stated that all the tenants for the building have not yet been identified and that is something that can be looked at.
  
- 9) Patricia Ladd – President, Greater Citizens Coalition of Martindale-Brightwood. She mentioned that she began using the Brightwood branch back in the 1940s and 1950s. Ms. Ladd commented that today the branch is full of people looking for jobs and doing their homework. Old people, young people are in that branch. She believes it is a shame that this branch might be taken away. This branch helps our children read better and get involved in reading. She requested that the Board “think” before they make a final decision about closing Brightwood.
  
- 10) Myron Richardson – Executive Director, Flanner House of Indianapolis. The Flanner House branch is located inside the historic Flanner House Neighborhood Center. This set-up is a unique model. The branch is a critical part of our social services delivery process. The branch partners with the Center in almost all of their programmatic activities. The branch is also located in one of the most underserved areas of the City of Indianapolis. Mr. Richardson went on to say that literacy is a “way up.” He and the Flanner House Board would request that the Library Board delay the decision on closure so that we can work together to seek other resources and opportunities, both public and private. He commented that there should be equal sacrifice in the closure decisions.

Everyone must feel the pain. If Flanner House and Brightwood have to suffer, then everyone should suffer. The news of possible closure also comes at a critical time for Flanner House. They are preparing to help launch the new streetscape on Martin Luther King Drive and it was anticipated that the Library would be an integral part of that. It really needs to be.

- 11) Wilbert Buckner – Deputy Director of Flanner House of Indianapolis. He advised that he was here to speak on behalf of some of the constituents in the neighborhood. Mr. Buckner noted that he teaches a life skills job readiness program at Flanner House. He mentioned that he personally used the Brightwood and College branches when he was growing up. Being able to use those branches helped him to be what he is today and supported him in terms of his education. The individuals he teaches seem to have given up on themselves. The Library represents an opportunity for many of them to read, get information and do research. Many of his students are involved in trying to reclaim jobs. The Library offers the opportunity to do job searches and to complete unemployment forms on the computer. He said he doesn't offer any new solutions. Many of the solutions already offered are appropriate. He agreed that the Library Board should take the time to make a good decision.
- 12) Michael Bowling – Representing Englewood Christian Church and Englewood Community Development Corporation. The Church “sits in the shadow” of the East Washington branch. The branch has been a critical partner for the Church. The children that the Church has served throughout its history have participated in the Library's Summer Reading Program, story times, etc. Mr. Bowling noted that there is a high level of apprehension among the day care staff at the Church regarding the possible closing of the East Washington branch. The Englewood Community Development Corporation is in the process of doing a \$5 million to \$6 million development of the old School 3 that is located behind the East Washington branch. The fall out from losing that branch will have an economic impact that will be detrimental to the whole city and make needed services even more difficult to access. He suggested that the Library leave all the branches open and also to invite the community to help solve this problem.
- 13) Kim Flowers – President, United Northwest Area Incorporated and President and COO, Missionaries Heart Ministries. UNWA is made up of seven different neighborhoods and is 16,000 residents strong. She and her children are all products of Flanner House. She considered the branch a “safe place” for her children when she was at work and after school. Also, the Ministries organization runs after school programs and day camps and the branch has been a very important part of that as well. Ms. Flowers pointed out that they send people to the branch to obtain job assistance services. Their area does not offer wi-fi service so they must walk somewhere to get on line. The branch also serves that purpose. They want their neighbors to get back in the workforce so that they can rebuild their community. When we close libraries that means that we are closing off creativity and imagination resources that the young people need to become successful, young adults and citizens of Indianapolis. We need the branch in our community.
- 14) Scott Forbes – Mr. Forbes referenced the library situation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where they dealt with a similar situation (closing branches, etc.) as IMCPL. In Pittsburgh they decided to address their issues by taking a 1% tax on local casino revenue, they have increased library fines and fees, and there were voluntary retirements, etc. He stated that the same types of things could be done here in Indianapolis. We need

to fight for all that libraries do for our communities.

- 15) John Day – State Representative and user of Spades Park and Central Library. He noted that he can appreciate the situation in which the Library finds itself. How do we raise additional funds and how do we save money so that none of the six branches has to close? He hopes that we can work in a cooperative way so that none would have to close. Do we think about shorter hours or fewer days? So be it. If it's four days versus no days, most would take the four days. He referenced a recent newspaper column that asked if the City of Indianapolis could afford the cost of closing libraries. Hopefully, all of us would say "No." What signal would it send if they closed? What would it say about our priorities? How would it affect the neighborhoods that lost the libraries? We should think about gaining wider support from the business community, local universities and foundations on this matter.
- 16) Bill Taft – Executive Director of Local Initiative Support Corporation and user of Fountain Square and Central Library. He explained that his organization provides support for neighborhood-based community development organizations that are working to do comprehensive development of our older neighborhoods here in Indianapolis. One of their programs, the Greater Indy Neighborhoods Initiative ("GINI") has been very successful. All six of the libraries targeted for closure actually impact neighborhoods that have been priority neighborhoods for community development. Closing would be a step backward for these neighborhoods. He asked the Board to slow down on their decision and consider if there are other ways to approach this situation with broader partnerships.
- 17) Connie Zeigler – User of Fountain Square. She feels that by the proposed closing of the branches, we are penalizing the poor in order to provide services for the more affluent. Ms. Zeigler commented that hers is not a wealthy community. This community really needs a library. She asked that the Board solicit help from the community.
- 18) Kelly Wood – Resident of Springdale Neighborhood and user of Spades Park. Many of her neighbors on the near Eastside don't realize that their branch might be closing. The reason they don't know is that there is an internet divide in the community. There is also an information divide. The Library is the place where people can learn that information. It is also a central gathering place for so many different people in the neighborhood. Ms. Wood noted that many people are not able to attend tonight's meeting because they don't have the means to do so. The Library is the place where they find the means to get that better job and to help their children. She noted that the community will rally and help the Library with their decision on this matter.
- 19) John Beeler – User of Fountain Square. Mr. Beeler stated that he and his children use the branch often. He has another child on the way and he said that it breaks his heart that this child might not be able to walk to the Library. They use the Central Library on occasion but being a one car family, sometimes this is not convenient. He requested that the Board work with them to come up with another option so that no branch closes.
- 20) James Taylor – Chief Executive Officer of the John H. Bonner Community Center on the near eastside of Indianapolis. His Center serves approximately 8,000 individuals each year. The libraries in their community are one of the most important and valued assets for the neighborhood. They view those branches as critical for the revitalization

of the community. They believe libraries are a very, very important economic development tool to help them be successful. He realizes what the Board is facing. His own organization has had to undergo service reductions. Shared pain is preferable over the idea of losing specific branches. Mr. Taylor encouraged the Board to engage them and other neighborhood people to come to the table and offer solutions.

- 21) Matt Hostetler – President, Englewood Neighborhood Association. He wished to express his neighborhood’s support for the East Washington branch. Mr. Hostetler stated that it is inspiring to see the number and diversity of the people that are in the branch. This branch is served by the busiest bus line in Indianapolis. So many activities happen at this branch. The branch was built in 1911 and is the oldest one in the system. It is a critical part of the neighborhood’s revitalization and serves a very vulnerable population. He advised that they want to work with the Board to come up with solutions and asked that the Board hold off on its decision for now.
- 22) Julie Rhodes – User of Spades Park. They have a car and also use some of the other neighborhood branches as well. She and her child often walk to Spades Park in nice weather. She stated that these libraries are important to the inner city fabric. Ms. Rhodes noted that she had heard some very creative solutions tonight and she hopes the Board listens.
- 23) Gregory Coates – Pastor of First Free Methodist Church and user of Spades Park. He relayed a story from a teenager from his church. The teenager said that she didn’t know what she would do if they closed Spades Park. There are many times that her alcoholic father has threatened to beat both she and her sister. They run to Spades Park in the middle of the winter to stay warm and spent hours there reading in a safe place. Pastor Coates noted that this is a social justice issue that is fundamental to our city. He wanted to know where his people would go without cars if they closed Spades Park and East Washington. Considering the money that the city has spent on sports venues, we can keep small library branches open in our neediest neighborhoods. It is simply a matter of priorities. We need voices that will speak to the powers that be on this matter. He advised that he has started a Facebook page on the possible closures and to date over 500 people have joined.
- 24) Elizabeth Boving – User of Fountain Square. She home schools her three children and uses Fountain Square “all the time.” Ms. Boving commented that the branch is a good location for her children to interact with others. Another option should be considered with regard to the possible branch closures. She stated that they want to help with this situation.
- 25) Peggy Gamlin – She has used several IMCPL branches and has found out how much they are needed in the community. The branches help children. Some people like to use the small branches. If you remove the small branches from the neighborhoods, you take away the sense of community. She said everyone is struggling with the issue of property tax caps and wanting to keep the libraries open. We are creative people and should think outside the box on this matter. What about a state license plate for the libraries? What about a lottery just for the libraries. Let the community work on ideas to keep the libraries open.

Mr. Shevlot encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Public Forums on the Sustainable Library Project that will be held on May 10, 2010 and May 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Services Center. He also noted that information on the Project is available on the Library's website.

Mr. Lingenfelter commented that this procedure was set up to engage the type of input we had at tonight's meeting. The Board appreciates the fact that everyone is approaching it as friends of the Library and not as enemies of what we're doing. He noted that the Board didn't propose to close branches just because it was the easiest thing to do. The Board welcomes ideas.

Mr. Lynch noted that the Board doesn't disagree with anything that was said at tonight's meeting. He suggested that the Library supporters stay united through the next steps of this process and they should take their concerns to the City-County Council and the State Legislature. He stated that often supporters begin strong but then their interest wanes and they don't continue to the end. There are difficult decisions to be made. Mr. Lynch told everyone that they should give their input because any suggestion might help.

Ms. Turner-Wright stated that she was impressed with the creativity that had been brought to tonight's meeting. She noted that those speaking to the Board had exhibited such a community spirit about saving the libraries. Patrons are willing to participate in a joint effort to make that happen. Ms. Turner-Wright, as a former librarian, stated that this support warms a "librarian's heart."

- b. **Dear CEO Letters and Responses** were circulated for the Board's general information.
- c. **Correspondence** was circulated for the Board's general information.

## **5. Approval Of Minutes: Executive Session, Regular and Special Meetings**

### **a. Regular Meeting, March 18, 2010**

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2010 were distributed to the Board.

The minutes were approved upon the motion of Mr. Evenbeck, seconded by Mr. Bacon, and the "yes" votes of Mr. Bacon, Mr. Evenbeck, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Shevlot, Ms. Smith and Ms. Turner-Wright.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6. Finance Committee (Scott Evenbeck, Chair; Thomas S. Shevlot, Jeff Smith)**

#### **a. Report of the Treasurer – March, 2010**

Becky Dixon, Chief Financial Officer, briefly reviewed the March, 2010 Report of the Treasurer that was distributed to the Board at the meeting.

She mentioned that for the month of March, actual expenditures, less investments and debt payments, were 6.9% less than projected.

Actual revenue, less a temporary loan, was 10.9% more than projected. This increase in revenue relates to fines and reimbursements.

March, 2010 expenditures, less investments, were 26% less than March, 2009. This decrease is due to the one time additional payment for 2008 health care in March 2009.

March, 2010 receipts were 19% more than March, 2009, less investments. This increase relates to the receipt of our 2009 in-lieu-of property taxes.

Year-to-date Fines revenue for 2010 is \$440,312 compared to \$466,523 for year-to-date 2009.

Mr. Lynch made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Evenbeck, that the Report of the Treasurer be filed for audit.

Motion carried.

The Report is attached to, and made a part of, these minutes.

*At this time, President Shevlot recessed the Regular Meeting.*

**b. President Shevlot will Convene a Public Hearing**

Mr. Shevlot announced that this Public Hearing was being held to consider the establishment of a Capital Projects Fund and a Proposed Plan under IC 36-12-12.

**1) Proposal to Establish a Library Capital Projects Fund and a Proposed Plan under IC 36-12-12 as Advertised on April 2, 2010 in the *Indianapolis Star* and April 2, 2010 in the *Indianapolis Recorder*.**

Ms. Dixon advised that each year the Library is required to put together a three- year Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Plan that must be approved by the Library Board. The Capital Projects Fund is separate from the Library's Operating Fund and it does have its own separate tax rate. This Plan is for the period 2011 through 2013. She noted that for 2011 we are asking for a total of \$1,478,000. Ms. Dixon then referenced the tax rate for the Capital Projects Fund for the next three years of the Plan. They are as follows:

2011	-	\$ 0.0019
2012	-	\$ 0.0049
2013	-	\$ 0.0046

Once the Board has approved the Plan, it then goes to the Municipal Corporations Committee and the City-County Council for their approval. After those approvals, the Plan goes to the Department of Local Government Finance with the State of Indiana where another Public Hearing is conducted and the Plan receives its final approval.

**2) Invite Public Comment from the Audience**

The Chairman inquired if there were any taxpayers who wished to be heard on the Capital Projects Fund Plan.

There were no taxpayers present who wished to speak.

**President Shevlot Will Consider a Motion to Close the Public Hearing**

Mr. Lingenfelter made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at this time.

*President Shevlot reconvened the Regular Meeting.*

c. **Resolution 18 – 2010** (Library Capital Projects Fund Plan)

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 18 – 2010, the resolution was adopted upon the motion of Mr. Evenbeck, and the “yes” votes of Mr. Bacon, Mr. Evenbeck, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Shevlot, Mr. Smith and Ms. Turner Wright.

Motion carried.

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

d. **Resolution 19 – 2010** (General (Operating) Fund Balance Policy – Addition to Finance Policy 121.9)

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 19 – 2010, the resolution was adopted upon the motion of Mr. Evenbeck, and the “yes” votes of Mr. Bacon, Mr. Evenbeck, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Shevlot, Mr. Smith and Ms. Turner-Wright.

Motion carried.

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

e. **Finance Committee Notes – April 5, 2010** were distributed to the Board for their general information and are attached to these minutes.

**7. Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee (Richard K. Bacon, Chair; Scott Evenbeck, Marie Turner-Wright)**

a. **Briefing Report – Policy Revisions for Sections 233.1D Weather Leave and 231.B Premium Pay Calculation**

Janet Gartin Moore, Director, Human Resources, explained that these revisions are necessary to clarify some of the items central to their administration. The revisions clarify the expectation of reporting time for drivers, adds the specific telephone number for staff to call for information when weather leave is announced, and details the terms and conditions under

which premium pay will be applied when the Library is closed or delays opening due to the weather. The Board is asked to review the information. The revisions will be presented for final approval at the May Board Meeting.

**b. Briefing Report – Policy Revision for Section 141.1 Smoking**

Ms. Moore noted that Section 141.1 states that smoking is not permitted in any internal area of any Library facility. However, it does not address where smoking is prohibited on the outside of all Library facilities. The proposed revision states that smoking would be prohibited within fifty feet of entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes. It was noted that the revision will be presented for final approval at the May Board Meeting.

- c. Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee Notes – April 5, 2010** were distributed to the Board for their general information and are attached to these minutes.

**8. Building Committee (Jim Lingenfelter, Chair; Richard K. Bacon, Jesse B. Lynch)**

**a. Capital Projects Briefing Report for April 2010**

Ed Olsen, Director, Facilities Management Services Area, briefly reviewed the items contained in the Report including: Guaranteed Energy Savings for Library Services Center (LSC) Project; Library Services Center Roof Repair Project; and Central Library HVAC Potential Savings Analysis Project.

A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

- b. Branch Status Report – March 31, 2010** was distributed to the Board for their review and information. A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.
- c. Building Committee Notes – April 6, 2010** were distributed to the Board for their general information and are attached to these minutes.

**9. Governmental Affairs Committee (Jim Lingenfelter, Chair; Thomas S. Shevlot, Jeff Smith)**

- a. Governmental Affairs Committee Notes – April 6, 2010** were distributed to the Board at the meeting for their general information and are attached to these minutes.

Laura Johnson, Staff Liaison to the Committee, advised that the Committee is working on the Library's message for the upcoming Municipal Corporation Committee's meeting to be held at Central Library on April 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

**10. Library Foundation Update (Thomas S. Shevlot, Library Board Representative)**

**April 2010 Library Foundation Update** – Mr. Shevlot reviewed the Foundation's activities. Some of the highlights were as follows:

- Last month, the Foundation received many gifts. The top corporate and foundation

contributors included:

- Ice Miller LLP; Semler Financial Group – Children’s Fund
  - Louise Lage Kirtland and Hugh C. Kirtland Endowment Fund, a fund of The Indianapolis Foundation – General Fund
  - The Kroger Company; Toysmith; OneAmerica – Summer Reading Program; Reading Giants
  - Key Bank – Spanish Language Computer Classes
  - The Herbert Simon Family Foundation – Ready to Read
- This month the Foundation is proud to provide funding for the following IMCPL programs:
- Ready to Read, funded by the Herbert Simon Family Foundation; Lilly Endowment, Inc.; Junior League of Indianapolis and Target
  - Express Yourself Series, no specific funder
  - Grant Writing Workshops at Central Library, funded by our General Fund
  - Community Day at West Indianapolis Branch, funded by Amica Insurance
  - This Is My Mexico, contest prizes funded by National City, now a part of PNC
  - Patent Computers at Central Library, funded by Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarity, McNett & Henry, LLP
  - May Breakfast/Library Staff Recognition
  - Spanish Language Computer Classes, funded by Key Bank
  - Women Writers of Indianapolis, funded by our Humanities Endowment
- Hiron Branding Update – Hiron & Company recently conducted several focus group sessions to gather opinions from Library supporters on some of the images, brand positioning statements, and key messages they have developed. They will share their findings from these groups with staff of the Library and Library Foundation in late April. After that, they will present a communications plan.
- Indiana Authors Award – The public nomination period for the 2010 Eugene & Marilyn Click Indiana Authors Award program is now closed. Over 250 nominations were received for 90 authors. The eight-member statewide Award Panel is currently in the process of reviewing nominated authors in each of the three categories. The National Author winner and finalists in the Regional and Emerging Author categories will be announced by July 7, 2010.

The Indiana Authors Award Dinner and public programs will take place at Central Library on Saturday, October 9, 2010. For complete sponsor information, please direct people to <http://www.indianaauthorsaward.org/the-award/the-sponsors> or contact Emily Berger ([eberger@imcpl.org](mailto:eberger@imcpl.org) or 275-4872) for an information packet.

The Library Foundation is also currently mapping out an exciting line-up of free public programs that day, which will take place at Central Library.

## 11. Report Of The Chief Executive Officer

- a. **Statistics – March, 2010** were distributed to the Board at the meeting.

Laura Bramble, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the monthly statistics for March 2010. She explained that patron visits are down 10.7% from the same period in 2009. It is believed that this reduction could be due to the installation of new door counters at some of the branches. Circulation for the month is down less than 1% from March 2009. Other items such as computer usage, Web branch visits, requests placed and holds filled are all up.

She also briefly discussed the Quarterly Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010 that was distributed to the Board at the meeting. The Library has a total of 521,000 registered borrowers. Ms. Bramble noted that books are still the most popular format of borrowed materials.

Additionally, a document entitled "Dates to Remember" which outlined a number of upcoming events and meetings was also distributed to the Board.

**b. Confirming Resolutions:**

**1) Resolution Regarding Finances, Personnel and Travel (20– 2010)**

After full discussion and careful consideration of Resolution 20– 2010, the resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Evenbeck, seconded by Ms. Turner-Wright, and the "yes" votes of Mr. Bacon, Mr. Evenbeck, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Shevlot, Mr. Smith and Ms. Turner-Wright.

Motion carried.

The resolution is appended to, and made a part of, these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**12.** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13.** None.

**AGENDA BUILDING**

**14. Future Agenda Items** - This time was made available for discussion items not on the Agenda, which were of interest to Library Board members and the opportunity was made to suggest items that should be included on future Library Board Meeting Agendas.

Items suggested for upcoming Board Agendas are as follows:

**May, 2010** - To Be Determined

## INFORMATION

### 15. Materials

The following materials were distributed to the Board for their general information:

- a. *FOCUS on Indiana Libraries* (March 2010)
- b. *Public Libraries* (March/April 2010)
- c. *American Libraries* (April 2010)

### 16. Board Meeting Schedule for 2010 (Notice of Date and Place of Meeting) and Upcoming Events

- a. **Board Meetings for 2010** – *Current calendar will be updated each month, as necessary, and additional information highlighted.*
- b. Library Programs and/or Free Upcoming Events through May 19, 2010 were distributed to the Board.

### 17. Notice of Special Meetings

None.

### 18. Notice of Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2010, at the Central Library, Knall Meeting Room, 40 East St. Clair Street, at 6:30 p.m.

### 19. Other Business

Mr. Bacon mentioned that the binders that were distributed to the Board at the meeting on the Sustainable Library Project don't give the full background information related to the various branch closing options.

Mr. Lingenfelter requested that the binders be retracted at this time until additional information can be made available.

The referenced binders were collected from the Board members.

Ms. Turner-Wright inquired if Mr. Shevlot had notified the other Board members that he had attended a meeting earlier in the day with the County Commissioners and their Board appointees, namely, Mr. Lingenfelter, Mr. Smith and Ms. Turner-Wright.

Mr. Shevlot acknowledged his attendance at the meeting and mentioned that the Board members had

updated the Commissioners on the Sustainable Library Project.

Mr. Lynch advised that he and Mr. Evenbeck are to meet with their appointing authority, the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners, to review the Sustainable Library Project with them. The possible dates for the meeting are May 6, May 13 or May 20, 2010. An exact meeting date should be determined shortly.

**20. Adjournment**

The Secretary announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

The Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

A DVD of this meeting is on file in the Library's administration office.

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Richard K. Bacon, Secretary to the Board

