

## Meeting Minutes

**Place:** Central Library Community Room

**Date:** March 6, 2013

**Attending:** Chairman Stephen Cary and Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty, Matthew Reilly and Vera O'Connor.

**Absent:** Commissioner Lorna Simmons

**Staff:** Molly Fogarty, Library Director  
John Ramsay, Assistant Library Director  
Carol Leaders, Business Manager  
Janet Stupak, Community Relations Coordinator (*minute taker*)

**Call to order:** Mr. Cary called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2013 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Fyntrilakis seconded the motion.  <b>The motion passed.</b>	
<b>2. Library Advisory Committee Reports:</b>	None.	
<b>3. Commission Committee Reports:</b>	None.	
<b>4. Chairman's Report:</b>	Mr. Cary commented on the successful press conference announcing the upcoming April 20 Gala at the Central Library. He stated that the library is moving in a new direction, raising some of our own money through the Friends of the Springfield Library.	
<b>5. Director's Report:</b>	On behalf of the Library Commission Ms. Fogarty welcomed two new Commissioners, Meghan Lunghi and Matthew Reilly, who then talked a bit about themselves. Ms. Lunghi is the Director of Marketing for Merriam Webster and Mr. Reilly is a	

Legislative Aide to State Representative Sean Curran. Also recently named to the Library Commission is Lorna Simmons.

- Ms. Fogarty is planning an orientation meeting for new Commissioners, with Wednesday, April 10 a possibility.
- She reported that 750 invitations have been printed for the Gala, “An Evening with Andrew Carnegie,” and will be mailed soon. The Gala is a public event from 7-10 p.m. at the Central Library, with a VIP reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for funders and dignitaries. A Silent Auction, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, music by the Eric Bascom Trio with Ethel Lee, special lighting and more will make the evening very special. Tickets, \$50 each, are available from any Springfield City Library branch and the Spirit of Springfield, the event planners. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Springfield Library.
- Ms. Fyntrilakis said that February vacation week events were very successful with performances well attended and many happy faces were seen. “Libraries are essential!” she stated.
- Mr. Ramsay spoke about the Teen Media Project at the Mason Square Branch held during February vacation week. This grant funded program introduced teens to using media to express themselves. It was led by WGBY and their Latino Youth Media Project staff. This event will be repeated during April vacation week. A Career Fair and Summer Showcase are other components of the project.
- Forest Park Library's Joan and Charlie Ryan Family Place continues to be very well used and branch statistics show quite an increase in circulation of children's books as

well as program attendance.

- With the announced closing of the Massachusetts Career Development Institute the Library will apply for grants to fund like programs here.
- Stephen Spohn will present his “Rethinking Springfield Library” study at the next Commission meeting on April 3.
- The FY14 budget hearing was held last Friday, March 1. Every city department submitted what a 10% cut would mean to their departments.
- The Library is requesting a development position.
- The two library union negotiations continue.
- The Library has a new staff member, Jeffrey Lambert, Mason Square Supervisor. As of April 1 our department will be “fully staffed.”
- The Library will have a table at the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast on May 11.
- The Forest Park Reading Garden has a total cost of \$50,000 of which \$35,000 has been raised.
- Mr. Ramsay distributed flyers for the March 26 Library Legislative Day, which includes information about the chartered bus trip to Boston.
- It is recommended that all Library Commissioners have an ID badge made. Appointments can be made through the Library Director's Office.

**6. Other Business:**

Ms. Fyntrilakis suggested Friends of the Library book sales be ongoing at each

branch. Book prices were discussed.

Ms. O'Connor stated that it is time for Election of Officers, and suggested the month of May for that to happen.

**7. Executive Session:** Not necessary.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*

Approved: April 3, 2013