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## MINUTES

### Standing Committee on Outreach • Board of Trustees • Batavia Public Library District

#### *Special Meeting*

Wednesday • 13 October 2010

1. **Call to Order**

Trustee Jakubowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room of the Batavia Public Library.

2. **Call the Roll**

**Committee Members Present:** Virginia C. Babcock and Maureen A. Jakubowski

**Committee Members Absent:** Edward F. Skahan

**Other Trustees Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Director George H. Scheetz, Michele M. Martzel, and Joanne C. Zillman

**Visitors Present:** None

3. **Approve the Agenda**

Trustee Jakubowski declared the agenda approved, as presented.

4. **Approve the Minutes:** Special Meeting, Wednesday, 28 July 2010

Trustee Jakubowski asked whether there were any changes to the minutes, copies of which were distributed in advance of the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Babcock to approve the minutes of the special meeting, as presented.

Seconded by Trustee Jakubowski. All: Aye. The motion carried.

5. **“Portrait of Abraham Lincoln” (1876)**

Director Scheetz reported that the Library received a “Portrait of Abraham Lincoln” (1876) painted by Ellen J. Sibley (Fuller), which was part of the estate of Virginia M. Douglas—Fuller’s granddaughter—who lived in Batavia from 1957–1992.

Douglas' nieces (and Fuller's great-granddaughters), Jan Takle, of Pasadena, California, and Trish Fechner, of Carrollton, Texas, have offered the painting to the Library in honor of their aunt and great-grandmother.

Scheetz noted that, pursuant to the Library's Policy on Art, "In order to determine whether to accept gifts, bequests, or indefinite loans, or to purchase particular works of art, the Standing Committee on Art [now Outreach] will review and evaluate such works of art and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on whether to proceed."

The painting, which was shipped (at the donors' expense) to the Library for its consideration, was examined by the Committee. Discussion followed.

The consensus of the Committee was that the "Portrait of Abraham Lincoln" was a good painting produced by a skilled artist, and worth accepting for the Library's collection.

Motion by Trustee Babcock to recommend that the Board of Library Trustees accept the painting, "Portrait of Abraham Lincoln" (1876), as a gift in honor of Virginia M. Douglas and Ellen Sibley Fuller, from Jan Takle, of Pasadena, California, and Trish Fechner, of Carrollton, Texas, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jakubowski. All: Aye. The motion carried.

The Committee requested Director Scheetz to include this project on the consent agenda.

6. **Comments from the Committee**

There were no additional comments by the Committee.

7. **Next Meetings or Events**

- a. *Teen Read Week™ (3rd week in October), Sunday–Saturday, 17–23 October 2010 — launched in 1998 to encourage young adults to read for sheer pleasure as well as learning — 2010 Theme: Books with Beat @ your library®*
- b. *Board of Library Trustees (Regular Meeting), Tuesday, 19 October 2010, 7:00 p.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library*
- c. *General Election Day (in even-numbered years, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November) — Tuesday, 2 November 2010*
- d. ***Standing Committee on Outreach, Friday, 5 November 2010, 7:30 a.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library***
- e. *Daylight Saving Time Ends (Standard Time Resumes) at 2:00 a.m. (1st Sunday in November), Sunday, 7 November 2010*
- f. *Veterans Day, Thursday, 11 November 2010, Library Open*
- g. *Board of Library Trustees (Regular Meeting), Tuesday, 16 November 2010, 7:00 p.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library*
- h. *Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, 24 November 2010, Library Closed at 5:00 p.m.*
- i. *Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in November), Thursday, 25 November 2010, Library Closed*
- j. *Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, 26 November 2010, Library Open*

8. **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Babcock to adjourn the special meeting. Seconded by Trustee Jakubowski.  
All: Aye. The motion carried.

Trustee Jakubowski declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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George H. Scheetz  
Director