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## MINUTES

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

#### *Special Meeting*

Tuesday • 11 January 2011

1. **Call to Order**

Trustee Jakubowski called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 and Michele M. Martzel

**Visitors Present:** None

3. **Approve the Agenda**

Motion by Trustee Babcock to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jakubowski. All: Aye. The motion carried.

4. **Approve the Minutes:** Special Meeting, Wednesday, 13 October 2010

Trustee Jakubowski asked whether there were any changes to the minutes, copies of which were distributed at 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 distributed an appraisal of the “Portrait of Abraham Lincoln” (1876) prepared by Gary Piattoni of Evanston, Illinois. Piattoni reported that the frame was “most likely original to the canvas” and valued the painting at \$6,500 and the frame at \$750.

Director Scheetz presented an overview of a treatment proposal for the painting and its frame from the Chicago Conservation Center. Discussion followed.

In response to a question from Martzel, discussion followed on the cost of conservation treatment in relation to the value of both the painting and its frame.

The consensus of the Committee was that the treatment proposal for the frame was prohibitively expensive given the value of the frame.

Trustee Babcock suggested that the Committee recommend the treatment proposal for the painting only and hold plans for the frame in abeyance pending further investigation of other options. Discussion followed.

The consensus of the Committee was to present a proposal to commission the restoration and conservation of the “Portrait of Abraham Lincoln” (1876)—but not its frame—for approval by the Board of Library Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Babcock to recommend that the Board of Library Trustees approve the proposal from the Chicago Conservation Center of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$2,710.00, to complete the restoration and conservation of the “Portrait of Abraham Lincoln” (1876), as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jakubowski. All: Aye. The motion carried.

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

6. **Comments from the Committee**

There were no additional comments by the Committee.

7. **Next Meetings or Events**

- a. *Birthdays of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Observed) (3rd Monday in January), Monday, 17 January 2011, Library Open*
- b. *Board of Library Trustees (Regular Meeting), Tuesday, 18 January 2011, 7:00 p.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library*
- c. *Standing Committee on Outreach, Friday, 4 February 2011, 7:30 a.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library*
- d. *Lincoln’s Birthday, Saturday, 12 February 2011, Library Open*
- e. *Board of Library Trustees (Regular Meeting), Tuesday, 15 February 2011, 7:00 p.m., Elizabeth L. Hall Conference Room, Batavia Public Library*

8. **Adjournment**

Trustee Jakubowski declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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George H. Scheetz  
Director