

MINUTES
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 p.m. Library Red Room
May 10, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Stroh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, and Beth Stroh;
Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, and Teresa Reynolds, Business
Manager; Tom Bigley, library attorney
Absent: Marvin Finke, Nedra Spinks and Russell Taylor.

Announcements:

Betty Lu McGuire, newly appointed by the Bartholomew County Commissioners to serve on the Board of Library Trustees, was introduced.

Approval of Minutes

Lienhoop moved and McGuire seconded that the minutes of the April 8, 2004 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Approval of Claims. Lienhoop moved and McGuire seconded that claims 321 through 405 in the amount of \$208,745.81 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. Reynolds stated that it will depend upon receipt of funds whether borrowing will be required.

Reports

A. Gladys Simmons Gift to Hope Branch. Gladys is choosing books by Indiana authors.

B. Parking at Main Library. All-day parkers who should be using spots in the city portion of the parking lot are parking in Library/Visitor Center spaces. This makes it difficult for library users to find parking after 8:30am many mornings. There is a shortage of spaces for all day parking for downtown employees, and maybe the library should consider building a parking facility. This parking garage might be located on library property only, or it might be a joint venture with the City of Columbus and incorporate both of the parking areas. Bigley and Poor will look into possibilities of the library owning a revenue-generating facility.

C. Library Director Evaluation. Evaluation forms should be sent to Beth Stroh who will meet with Beth Poor.

D. Main Library Exterior Changes. Poor shared blueprints and drawings prepared by Jim Paris for new electric eye doors at the main entrance, ramp, and drive-up drop boxes. Work on the front doors is scheduled to begin on June 28th.

E. Staff Committees. At the May 12 staff meetings, personnel will be given a final opportunity to join the various staff committees.

F. Legislative Report. A task force to determine the future of Indiana property tax convened on April 28 and will be meeting throughout the summer. Possible outcomes include a 25%, 50%, or 100% reduction in property tax which would be replaced by new taxes.

New Business

July meeting tentatively scheduled for July 19.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Beth Stroh, President

Gayle Loesch, Secretary