

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 p.m. Library Red Room
September 13, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Spinks at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Marvin Finke, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks and Beth Stroh. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, and Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager. Tom Bigley, attorney.

Absent: Pam Lienhoop and Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

Finke moved and McGuire seconded that the minutes of the August 16 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

McGuire moved and Loesch seconded that the minutes of the August 30 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Spinks turned the meeting over to Stroh upon her arrival.

Approval of Claims. McGuire moved and Spinks seconded that claims numbered 712 through 728 in the amount of \$146,801.92 be approved for payment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Finke moved and Spinks seconded that claims numbered 729 through 801 in the amount of \$134,280.65 be approved for payment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Poor noted that we did receive a tax draw, so we did not have to borrow from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund.

Action Items

Talking Books Contract for FY 2005. Poor requested that the board move to accept the 2005 Talking Books Contract in the amount of \$64,113.00. The contract fiscal year is October 2004 through September 2005. Spinks moved and McGuire seconded approval of the 2005 Talking Books Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Stroh commented on how nice the terrace area is and how wonderful it would be for patrons to make use of it. Poor advised that a staff committee had cleaned the area and worked on plans to make it a pleasant place for patrons to sit. Reynolds and Wilma Perry researched the furniture that was ordered as distributed in your board packets. May Nursery developed the landscape plan that will be completed September 20 after Wischmeier finishes cleaning the bricks.

Poor gave a progress report on the wireless internet project. Wireless Internet access currently is available in Children's Services and on most of the main floor. We hope to have wireless access throughout the Main Library in time for the September 24 ILF District 6 meeting.

Spinks inquired about Judy Hill and said she will miss seeing her in the children's department. Poor reported that Hill was working with Karen Alvis on planning additional services for children at Hope Branch including more story times and a Halloween party. Hill also is doing story times around the county. The changes in the children's department at the main library are going well. We still have two student workers, Tyler Munn and Sara Simmons, available to fill in but will have to look for additional staff when they find full-time employment in their fields of study.

Report from Bartholomew County Library Associates Meeting. Poor advised that we have a great group of board members this year who wish to be very active. There is some consideration being given to changing the dates of the book sale to January or February in order to give the new board members time to prepare for it. This year the book sale will be October 13 through October 16.

Other news included having Dick Wolfsie providing a program for teens and adults on January 11 in the Red Room and the Winter Reading Club for all ages. The 2005 children's guest author will be Jean Marzollo who will give two programs on April 1st at Columbus North High School for public and private school students as well as two programs for us on April 2.

The BCLA board is investigating the costs of hosting a popular author of adult books in October 2005. This is usually a very costly endeavor and may involve some fundraising. Stroh asked if we could tag onto the Indianapolis program to defray some of the expense. BCPL staff will be contacting Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation for more information about this project.

Poor reported that we would be providing discarded children's books to KidCommons for a lending library. This will still leave lots of books for our annual book sale.

Stroh advised she is researching a list of companies for a feasibility study on building the parking garage. This will provide us with the possible number of parking spaces and estimated costs of construction. Poor reported that she has found a copy of the 1986-1987 agreement and contract with the City of Columbus by which additional parking places were purchased for library use.

New Business

Poor extended the invitation to board members who wish to attend the district meeting on September 24. They can register the day of the meeting and be reimbursed. The trustee programs will be held in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Beth Stroh, President

Gayle Loesch, Secretary