

NOTES FROM SCHEDULED MEETING
QUORUM NOT PRESENT
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
July 18, 2005

Present: Gayle Loesch, Nedra Spinks, and Beth Stroh. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager.

Absent: Marvin Finke, Pam Lienhoop, Betty Lu McGuire and Russell Taylor.

Call to Order

The meeting was not called to order, since there was not a quorum.

Discussion and Reports

President Stroh led discussion of non-action items from the agenda. Poor reviewed some informational items with the members who were present.

Walker Parking Consultants Study Update

We have not received another report from Jeff Colvin since the preliminary report in May. Stroh has contacted another staff member at Walking Parking Consultants, and we are moving toward receiving another report.

Pre-employment Criminal Background Checks

Members present felt it would be good to begin acquiring background checks on persons to whom jobs are being offered. Our payroll contractor ADP can provide this service. Present staff would not be included in background checks.

Sponsored Bookmarks

The Business and Industrial Federal Credit Union has offered to provide bookmarks showing the library address and hours plus a photo of the main library. There would be a note at the bottom of the bookmarks indicating that they were donated by the Credit Union. Board members did not feel there would be any problem in accepting this offer.

Budget Preparation for 2006

Poor advised that we have a July 28 meeting scheduled with the Department of Local Government Finance to get projected information necessary to create the budget.

Dogwood Planter

Poor reported that arrangements have been made to remove the ground cover from the planter and replace it with mulch. Weeds have overtaken the planter and efforts to eliminate them have been unsuccessful.

Irwin Home and Gardens

Poor is a member of a Visitors Center Board subcommittee that is brainstorming possible uses for the Irwin Home and Gardens adjacent to the Main Library on Fifth Street. The Miller family wants to pass ownership of the home and gardens to a group who will make the gardens available to the public and maintain the home with minimal alterations. The family is not interested in the home being used as a museum or as a memorial to the family.

Most of the furnishings and artwork would remain with the exception of personal portraits and some specific items. The group took a complete tour of the house and grounds and received information regarding potential maintenance costs and obligations specific to the grounds. The home would not be suitable for a bed and breakfast or a restaurant. The facility is not ADA compliant. The Architectural Archives received 501c status last week and may explore possible use of the building. Poor felt that the library could not afford to maintain the facility, even if we could make it ADA compliant and find a special use for it.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Poor was contacted by the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church at State Road 7 and 300 E. The congregation is planning to build a new sanctuary near the present church and thought the current building might be used as a branch library. Poor met with Don Nolting and took several photos of the inside and exterior of the building. The board members viewed a PowerPoint presentation of these pictures. Poor explained that the interior was in excellent condition and has been wonderfully maintained. It is air conditioned and has ceiling fans as well. There is no water to the building and no plumbing to provide it. The bell tower has an apparent leak that needs to be repaired, and the bell still works. The area currently has septic systems. Also, the county has right of way access on 300 E that includes a corner of the back section of the building.

Poor felt that because of the area is rural and not densely populated, it would make a better bookmobile stop than a branch. The church is willing to donate the sanctuary building to someone who would take over upkeep after the new sanctuary is finished. Construction has not begun yet. Stroh indicated it was not very far to drive from there to the Main Library. Loesch felt we should revisit this issue at the next meeting and perhaps the board could visit the location.

Financial Report

Reynolds distributed the Treasurers report and claims list for review. Present board members advised that they would be in agreement to pay claims after review by the Treasurer. The claims list could then be signed at the next meeting. Reynolds will get a ruling to determine if this is possible.

There being no other board members present to establish a quorum meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Loesch, Secretary Pro-tem

Beth Stroh, President