

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
April 10, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by President Stroh.

Present: Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks and Beth Stroh and Russell Taylor. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager.

Absent: Marvin Finke.

Approval of Minutes

Spinks moved and Lienhoop seconded that the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Taylor asked about the repair claims for the bookmobile and wondered if we should be looking at replacing the current vehicle. Poor explained that this bookmobile was purchased from Barth in Milford, IN that manufactured custom recreational vehicles with a body style that would fit the height and length limitations of our ramp entry at garage space. Barth is no longer in business. The bookmobile staff is researching what options are available in new vehicles at this time.

Taylor moved and Spinks seconded that claims 2561 through 2666 totaling \$369,983.55 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Reynolds reported that the budget order had been received allowing us to move Levy Excess funds in the amount of \$113,061.00 back into the Operating Fund.

Action Items

A. None.

Reports

Stroh read a card sent to the board from Tyler Munn thanking them for awarding him scholarship money for the Indiana University Master of Library Science program. Poor advised that Tyler will begin classes this summer and that he is starting to work some hours at the Adult Reference desk.

A. Adult Reference Services Reorganization. Poor provided an update on the resignation of Susan Mercer. As a result of a fall at home last week that injured her knee, Susan will be unable to return to assist with changes before moving to Virginia to be nearer her family.

Poor explained that we are reorganizing the reference department using a team approach. Staff members will be grouped according to individual strengths and expertise which include programming, genealogy, computer technology, scheduling, interlibrary loan, and materials selection. We are confident this will work, because the staff is eager to try new endeavors, and that they are looking forward to the changes.

During the ILF Conference, Poor will be interviewing a professional librarian for a new position in the Adult Reference area. Jason Hatton is currently working in LaPorte, Indiana as head of adult circulation. Originally from Columbus, he and his wife have been hoping to move closer to family. Hatton has been selected as the 2006 ILF Outstanding New Librarian.

The new Children's Librarian, Josh Wolf, will begin his full time duties on April 17. Stroh noted that the staff gender balance is changing, and Poor noted the age balance is changing as well.

B. Teen Services Areas in Other Libraries. Poor gave a Power Point presentation about teen and young adults services in several libraries. Photos and types of services listed on the individual websites displayed a great number of ideas ranging from basic use of a corner in the building to an elaborate area donated by Starbucks. Most libraries have walled off an existing area using shelving and glass. One placed a sign in the form of an archway over two shelf ranges to give the appearance of a separate area. Some titles for the areas were Teen Scene, Teen Spot, Teen Central and Teen Nook.

Services listed include a board game area, art projects, writers groups, scrapbook classes and cooking clubs. Some offered homework help in various formats, hearing stations, a Read What You Want Book Club, Anime classes, and some had cafes for refreshments. Most had computers available just for teens. We do not have any information about cost.

The presentation showed that there are lots of ways we could do a teen area. Stroh asked the board what designs, furnishings and services they liked from the presentation. Discussion followed about establishing a teen advisory board. Lienhoop suggested involving the high schools and middle schools to recruit teens for advice. Stroh indicated that the age range should start at 13 years. Loesch and Stroh had reservations about allowing refreshments in the area.

Stroh asked that consideration be given to the family history project which is the next item on the board's list of prioritized services.

D. Poor reviewed the January –March circulation, reference, and programming statistics that were distributed.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

Beth Stroh, President