

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
August 14, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice President Lienhoop.

Present: Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks and Beth Stroh.
Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds. Other: Tom Bigley,
attorney. Guest: John Tinkey.

Absent: Marvin Finke and Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

Loesch moved and Spinks seconded that the minutes of the July 17, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was turned over to Stroh upon her arrival.

Financial Report

Poor provided an explanation for a claim from ENA for Internet connectivity fees. Grant money has covered the T1 internet fees up to now. We now have to pay the monthly charges, though some of the payments will be reimbursed when additional grant money is available from the Indiana State Library. ENA may be able to eliminate a router at Hope to reduce charges even further.

Poor also noted the claim for brick repair on the children's terrace and that we will be receiving an invoice for repainting of the exterior railings.

Spinks moved and Lienhoop seconded that claims 2975 through 3049 totaling \$148,750.75 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Re-affirm BCPL Internet Use Policy. The Internet Use Policy was presented for re-affirmation with a change in wording regarding exclusions through filtering. The intent of this change is to prohibit hackers from accessing restricted information on sites concerning weapons manufacturing and drugs.

Loesch moved and Lienhoop seconded that the BCPL Internet Use Policy be re-affirmed as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the policy are placed by the computer stations, and the policy is posted on our website.

B. Commitment to join Public Library Internet Consortium. The resolution for Commitment to Join Public Library Internet Consortium for Funding Year 2007 was presented for approval. Spinks moved and Loesch seconded the resolution be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Technology Plan Extension. The library is required to submit a new technology plan to cover the years January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010. A request for a six-month extension to prepare the plan needs to be on file by October 31, 2006. Spinks moved and Lienhoop seconded approval of the Resolution to Request Six-Month Extension for Technology Plan January 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2008 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Teen Use of PG-13 Movies. Results of the video use study conducted by Tyler Munn were reviewed. We did not have a huge number of respondents but there were enough to determine that we should retain the items in VHS format. Patrons also indicated that the \$1.00 per day fine was acceptable, and they usually find what they want even if we have only one copy of the title.

The current policy regarding teen card users being allowed to check out PG13 movies was discussed. Loesch moved and Spinks seconded that the current policy be continued. Lienhoop expressed concern that some parents may object.

Spinks inquired about parental input and if there is a way teen cards can be marked to disallow checking out some materials. Poor advised that cards have a point system and the value of the card must match the value of the item being checked out. The point value of a teen card can be changed based on parental preference. We will have to post this option on our web site. Addendum – Notice will be published and distributed at Adult Circulation, so parents have a choice. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Budget Preparation for 2007. Poor explained how we determined the budget after meeting with Dan Eggermann of the Department of Local Government Finance. He advised us to use 95% of the actual 2005 assessed valuation, because the actual AV amount may not be available until January 2007. Poor explained that the cash balance amount on line 11 is a negative number, but we will probably receive enough to fund the budget. If not, we can use LIRF for eligible expenses as necessary. Last year we missed out on receiving \$495,315 in eligible funds by not having the actual AV figure. The budget estimate is the maximum levy we can get without going over the 5% increase. The budget will be advertised on August 17 and August 24 in THE REPUBLIC and the Hope STAR JOURNAL. The public hearing on held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2006.

New Business

John Tinkey asked for time to get answers to a few questions. He was given the floor after the approval of the minutes.

1. When are we going to charge out of county people? They are being charged now. PLAC cards can be purchased for \$31.00 per year and may be used at any public library in the state.
2. What is our policy on Internet use by patrons who do not have a card? Guests who do not have cards may receive a temporary pass to use the internet. This is limited to one or two times.
3. Will Sunday hours start again in October? Yes.
4. How do we keep people from smoking within 10 feet of the door? Desk staff will ask people to move.
5. Are we going to have any public input meetings again? Poor and Spinks reported that the 2003 meetings had been advertised extensively and sparsely attended. Poor advised that we could hold public input meetings again, but we mostly get information informally.

Tinkey noted that we should post the board members' pictures on our website. He thanked them for their time.

Poor discussed an article in THE REPUBLIC about bendable toys from Oriental Trading Company that contain higher than acceptable levels of lead. Some public libraries, but not BCPL, distributed these toys as summer reading club prizes. Children's Librarian Josh Wolf took samples of all of the toys distributed by BCPL to the county health department for evaluation. None contained lead.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

Beth Stroh, President