

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
February 20, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by President Stroh.

Present: Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Nedra Spinks, Beth Stroh and Russell Taylor.
Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager.
Other: Tom Bigley, attorney.

Absent: Marvin Finke and Betty Lu McGuire.

Approval of Minutes

Spinks moved and Taylor seconded that the January 16, 2006 session minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Spinks moved and Lienhoop seconded that claims 2382 through 2491 totaling \$223,763.45 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Reynolds passed around bank resolutions for signatures and reported that the gift fund has been reimbursed by Bartholomew County Library Associates for the purchase of the big screen plasma television that will be used for program annunciations.

Action Items

A. Adoption of Out-of-County Borrower Fee. Poor explained how we determine the rate we charge for out-of-county borrower fees and recommended leaving the fees at the same level as 2005. The board reviewed the policy and the current fees of \$50 per person and \$100 per family per year. Spinks moved and Taylor seconded to adopt the Policy for Out-of-County Borrowers as distributed with no increase in fees for 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Personnel. Poor reported that Children's Librarian Jessica Johnson will be stepping down to part time employment beginning May. She will continue to work part-time in the children's department while seeking other employment nearer to her new home. Poor interviewed a few individuals for the librarian position including Joshua Wolf. His references and experience were excellent. The position of Children's Librarian has been offered to him, and he has accepted. Wolf will begin employment at BCPL in mid-April 2006.

Poor advised that we have had positive responses from the public about the big screen television above the circulation desk. It has eliminated the need for some signs, handouts and notices in print.

Poor also noted that response to the guest author program has declined over the last few years. Since the speaker program was expensive and required a great deal of staff and volunteer time, the BCLA board has decided to cancel this program for at least one year. The Library Associates will be able to offer more programs for less money each year such as the dinosaur program to be held on April 1, 2006. Several other events and programs are already scheduled.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Loesch, Secretary Pro-tem

Beth Stroh, President