

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
June 12, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Vice-President Lienhoop.

Present: Marvin Finke, Pam Lienhoop Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks and Russell Taylor. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds. Other: Tom Bigley, attorney and Guest: Anthony Wurl.

Absent: Beth Stroh.

Boy Scout Anthony Wurl from Troop 555 visited the board meeting to complete one of his requirements to receive a communications merit badge.

Approval of Minutes

Taylor moved and Loesch seconded that the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Reynolds noted that there was an error of approximately \$1,000.00 in interest received into our Home Federal Bank account. Upon contacting Linda Scheidt at Home Federal, we were advised the bank will let us keep the additional interest since it was an error on their part.

We also received an advance draw and Property Tax Replacement Credit and Certified Shares distributions.

Poor explained that the repairs to the Bookmobile were for the generator that provides heat and air conditioning during Bookmobile stops. The Bookmobile staff members are continuing to look at other libraries' vehicles as the beginning step to acquiring a new BCPL Bookmobile in the future. The staff traveled to Jackson County Public Library during May, and they plan to visit Shelby County Public Library during June or July.

Loesch moved and Finke seconded that claims 2768 through 2862 totaling \$237,544.59 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. None.

Reports

A. Adult Reference Services. Jason Hatton began work in Adult Reference June 5. Tyler Munn is splitting his hours between Children's Services and Adult Reference during the summer months.

B. Business Resources. Poor reported that the library has joined the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. Poor plus Adult Reference staff members Denise Wirrig and David Miller attended a day-long “Libraries Mean Business” workshop at the Jackson County Public Library.

C. Library Board appointment. Nedra Spinks has been reappointed by the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation board for a 4-year term..

D. Literacy Festival. Loesch reported that she has received nothing but good comments about the June 4 Literacy Festival and that it was a huge success.

E. Family History Services Areas in other libraries. Poor gave a PowerPoint presentation about genealogy services and Indiana reference in selected Indiana libraries. The Indiana State Library and the Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne) are the state’s major resources for genealogy. Many libraries, including BCPL, provide collections with emphasis on their local family histories as well as national genealogy resources.

As examples of smaller libraries, Danville Public Library has a collection of materials for Hendricks County and some surrounding areas. Central Normal College was in Danville, and now the library has their collection. Searches are limited to Hendricks County information since the department is not staffed full time. Sullivan County Library only has genealogy materials on their county. Berne Public Library has limited access, researches only on local basis. Batesville Memorial, which is a privately funded library, has a local genealogist in a couple of days a week. Madison-Jefferson Co. Public Library also has a non-staff genealogist. Lawrenceburg Public Library will provide one hour of research for free. Since Jennings County became a county made up from sections of other counties, genealogy information can be obtained from the surrounding libraries.

As examples of medium sized libraries, Plainfield Public Library has searchable databases where you can request information by actual name. Frankfort Community Library housed items that pertain to Clinton County.

LaPorte County Library, which serves nearly the same number of persons as does BCPL, will perform a maximum of 5 searches. The patron must pay \$5.00 in advance which will be refunded if the answers cannot be found.

Among the other large public libraries, New Albany-Floyd County Public Library has an extensive genealogy department. The county historical museum also is part of the public library. Monroe County Public Library has a large Indiana Room, and they offer beginning genealogy classes. St. Joseph County Public Library’s main facility in South Bend has a huge genealogy section, and they also have data bases of several newspapers including the *Chicago Tribune*. Morrisson Reeves Library in Richmond received grants to digitize their historical collections. Shelby County Public Library has a team of people giving classes.

Many of the libraries handle genealogical search requests via e-mail, mail, phone or personal visit.

Bartholomew County Public Library offers most of the services that are found at other public libraries. We have an extensive collection of Columbus and Hope middle school and high school yearbooks. Many local family histories have been donated and added to our collection. We have old City and County directories. *The Republic* and its predecessor newspapers as well as two Camp Atterbury newspapers are available on microfilm. We have computer film/fiche readers that can save information to disk, so the users can copy information for later use at home.

Ancestry.com data base can be used at the Main Library and Hope Branch. HeritageQuest data base is available in the library and also by remote access outside of the library to any registered BCPL borrower. Ronda Brown who handles most of the genealogy searching requests also teaches a computer skills class on using Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest

New Business

Poor advised more information on the budget should be available by next month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Loesch moved and Finke seconded the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

Pam Lienhoop, Vice-President