

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
September 11, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Pro-tem Loesch.

Present: Marvin Finke, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks. Library staff:
Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds.

Absent: Pam Lienhoop, Beth Stroh and Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

Finke moved and Spinks seconded that the minutes of the August 14, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Finke moved and Spinks seconded that the minutes of the August 28, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Poor noted that there was a second claim for repairing the brakes on the bookmobile and that they should be working properly now. There is a claim for staff registrations for the Indiana Library Federation district meetings also on the list. Payment for these registrations will be made from the Frances Carr Memorial fund for staff continuing education.

Poor explained that we cannot close the library this year to allow all staff members to attend the District 6 meeting at Jackson County Public Library on October 20, because it falls during the Library Associates' annual book sale. Staff members who wish to attend meetings may elect to go to any one of the district meetings throughout the state with the provision that all public service areas be adequately staffed on those days. Any staff member who drives a carpool can be reimbursed for mileage. There is no requirement to attend a district meeting. Attendance counts as time worked, but there is no compensatory time off from work for those not going to a meeting.

Spinks moved and Finke seconded that claims 3050 through 3136 totaling \$195,625.44 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. State Technology Grant Fund. Spinks moved and Finke seconded that a State Technology Grant Fund be established for payments of the T-1 line as required by the Public Library Internet Consortium. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Adoption of 2007 Operating Budget and LIRF Budget. Poor advised that we have met all the legal requirements of advertising and holding a public hearing which took place on August 28, 2006. Finke moved and Spinks seconded that the 2007 Operating Budget be approved. Motion carried unanimously. Spinks moved and Finke seconded that the 2007 LIRF Budget be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of FY 2007 Talking Books Columbus Subregional Contract. Poor explained that the Indiana State Library has not yet received the \$68,689 in federal funds for the Talking Books contract. However, this is a federally mandated program, and the funds will become available. We are adding Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties to our Talking Books service area. We currently serve 550 patrons and 50 institutions. Loesch asked how a user qualifies for Talking Books services. Poor explained that any person with a physical challenge that prevents seeing or holding a print book can qualify. The application verification can be done by any medical service provider, or counselor, religious advisor, or teacher. Finke moved and Spinks seconded that the 2007 Talking Books Columbus Subregional Contract be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Technology Plan 2008-2010. Poor distributed a list of goals and objectives to be incorporated in the new Technology Plan. The public also has had input to future technology plans via an online and in-house print survey during the past month. Some of the goals and objectives include new web-based services such as tutor.com which provides live homework assistance for students. The Indiana State Library is considering funding this program on a statewide basis, and we would want to participate. Another web-based program being researched is askyourlibrary.org which is not limited to homework questions. Poor believes we will probably complete some of the plan's goals prior to 2008. Other technology of 2008-2010 hasn't been invented yet. The Technology Plan is a guideline.

Some libraries have made self-check out available in place of a circulation desk. Loesch asked what the downside is to this service. Poor replied that lack of interaction with the library staff is the most apparent downside. McGuire agreed. The completed Technology Plan will be provided for adoption at the October board meeting to meet the October 31, 2006 deadline.

New Business

The October 9 board meeting will be held at the Hope Branch Library.

McGuire noted that March is Agriculture Month and requested we allow Farm Bureau to have a display during Ag Week 2007. Poor replied that this could be done and referred McGuire to Mary Clare Speckner who handles the arrangements for displays.

Poor reported that Tom Bigley has sent a letter to the Bartholomew County Commissioners requesting an appointment to replace Pam Lienhoop.

Jason Hatton is applying to be an American Library Association Emerging Leader 2007. One hundred people nationwide will be selected to participate in ALA meetings and in classes via the Internet. The Francis Carr memorial fund for staff continuing education can be used to pay for travel expenses, if Jason is chosen.

Adjournment

Finke moved and Spinks seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

Gayle Loesch, President Pro-tem