

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 Library Conference Room
April 16, 2007

Call to Order

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

Present: Marvin Finke, Judy Jones, Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks, Beth Stroh and Russell Taylor. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director and Teresa Reynolds. Guests: John Tinkey and Billie Whitted

Announcements

Poor introduced Billie Whitted who has been appointed to a 4-year library board term by the County Commissioners. She will begin her term on the board on April 18. Her first official meeting will be on May 14.

Approval of Minutes

Loesch moved and Taylor seconded that the minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Reynolds explained that this month's claims list is longer than usual, because it includes vendors payments approved during the March 2007 meeting, though the checks were written after the board meeting. We also had three payrolls on this list. Taylor moved and Finke seconded that claims 3703 through 3822 in the amount of \$334,462.80 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion about the status of acquiring a new bookmobile followed. Poor reviewed the process and how long it may take to ask for bids. Finke asked who would write the specs for the new bookmobile, and Poor advised that we would. Bookmobile staff members at the Jackson County Public Library have shared their 2007 bookmobile bid specifications with BCPL.

Reynolds advised that CompuTrain has made the necessary corrections to the software, and the Treasurer's Report now is accurate.

It may become necessary to borrow additional money from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to cover Operating Fund expenditures in the future since tax statements will not be distributed in May. Property tax payments may be delayed three to four months according to the County Auditor.

Action Items

Board members made corrections to information on the board contact list. Changes will be made and a new list will be distributed at the next meeting.

Reports

A. Library Board appointments. Taylor has been reappointed by the board of the Flat Rock Hawcreek School Corporation to serve his fourth term as a BCPL trustee. His term is April 18, 2007 through April 18, 2011.

B. Poor announced that the library will be closed Friday, April 27 so that staff members may attend the ILF District 6 meeting in Jeffersonville.

C. A review of statistics shows a drop in catalog usage as of March 2007 from March 2006 but circulation, reference, and programming statistics are up about 10%. It was noted that even though we are providing fewer programs, we are attracting more people. Stroh commented that we must be targeting the public's interest more accurately.

D. Tinkey inquired about Sunday statistics. Poor explained that weather does affect the number of patrons using the facility on Sundays. People don't come in when the weather is nice or if it's extremely bad. Sunday hours will end at the end of April and resume in October.

E. Poor reported that the children's department is going to continue scheduled storytimes during the summer, and this has not been done for many years. We have many neighborhood children who spend a great deal of their time at the library throughout the summer months. We will also be offering story times on demand as a new program.

F. Bigley noted that he attended the open house for the new Irwin Union Bank branch and spoke to architect Deborah Berke who designed our Hope Branch Library. Berke said she was glad to be back in Columbus.

G. Discussion about future meeting dates followed. The May 14 and June 11 meetings will be held as usual but the July meeting will be moved to the 16th.

H. Poor thanked Jones for being willing to serve on the board again to complete the term vacated by Lienhoop. Jones's appointment was official as of the date of the October 2006 board meeting, and her presence at that meeting gave us a quorum. Jones said she was happy to participate again and to observe all of the activities and changes that have occurred since she left the board.

New Business

None.

Spinks shared that her mother passed away on March 17 and the board offered their condolences.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Stroh adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lu McGuire, Secretary

Beth Stroh, President