

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Library Conference Room
April 13, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Stroh.

Present: Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks, Beth Stroh, Brenda Tallent and Billie Whitted. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager; Tom Bigley, attorney.

Absence: Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

Spinks moved and McGuire seconded that the minutes of the March 13, 2009 board meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 6024 through 6119 dated March 10th through April 13th were reviewed. Reynolds noted that partial repayment of the loan from LIRF accounts for \$1,000,000 of the total claims. Poor noted that claims include charges for window washing and carpet cleaning at the main library. Whitted moved and Tallent seconded that claims 6024 through 6119 in the amount of \$1,281,186.59 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. None.

Reports

A. Library Board appointments. Poor reported that Stroh and Loesch each have been reappointed to the board for another four year term. She reported that the ILF District 6 meeting held here on April 3rd went smoothly and that all sessions were well attended.

Poor reported that SB348 failed in the Indiana House. The bill would have required consolidation of library districts and mandated library services to all residents. Though unlikely, the language from B348 could be inserted into another forward-moving bill. Poor mentioned that legislation that could have combined the State Library with other agencies also failed.

At the end of March, circulation is up 6% from the same period in 2008. Book use increased by 3% and audio books use is 10% over last year. Reference use is up with 17% more requests handled this year than in 2008 to date. Program attendance is up 11% over March of last year, even though we have had fewer programs. Whitted noted that she was enjoying the articles written by David Miller for the Hope STAR JOURNAL.

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New Business

A. None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Beth Stroh, President