

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Library Conference Room
August 17, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by President Stroh.

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

Absent: Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and Stroh asked about security issues that had been mentioned at previous meetings. Poor answered that the problems had been reduced greatly after the end of the school year. Spinks moved and Whitted seconded that the minutes of the July 13, 2009 board meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 6410 through 6508 dated July 13th through August 17th were reviewed. Poor noted that gift funds were used to pay some of the claims. Loesch moved and Spinks seconded that claims 6410 through 6508 in the amount of \$311,685.26 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Reynolds stated that we've received an advance on the spring property tax distribution.

Action Items

A. Public Hearing for 2010 Operating and LIRF Budgets. No one from the public was present for comments or questions. After our review of the proposed budget with a representative from the Department of Local Government Finance, it was determined that the 2010 budget estimate represents a 3.8% increase over the 2009 budget and is within the DLGF growth quotient. Poor has incorporated potential raises for staff.

Stroh asked what would happen if the County Council questions the 3.8% increase. Poor did not anticipate recommendations for changes from the County Council because the increase is within the growth quotient; we are experiencing increased use by the public; and the 4.8% 2009 increase plus the 3.8% proposed increase for 2010 still does not make up for the 18% decrease of 2008. Poor explained that many changes and recommendations from the staff have created cost savings since the 2008 budget cuts.

B. Talking Books FY 2010 Contract. Poor presented the October 2009 – September 2010 contract for the Talking Books Columbus Subregional service. A budget of \$80,000 was established to cover wages and benefits. McGuire moved and Loesch seconded that the 2009-2010 Talking Books contract be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Contract for participation in Indiana State Library Internet Consortium. Poor detailed the Indiana consortium for ENA Internet access and explained how Universal Service Fund reductions are coupled with the consortium grant from the State Library to cover costs for the two T-1 lines. Whitted asked if Bigley had reviewed the contract, and he responded affirmatively. Spinks moved and Tallent seconded that the contract to participate in the State Library Internet Consortium be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Date for Board Meeting at Hope Branch Library. Poor suggested that the September 14 board meeting be held at the Hope Branch Library. All present advised they could attend at Hope.

B. Poor reported that after 20 years on the BCPL staff, Elizabeth Monette will be retiring from the library in November. Using accumulated vacation, her last work day will be in early September. Poor also noted that children's staff member Hanna Morgan has completed her MLS degree and has accepted a school librarian position in Indianapolis.

C. Poor, Teresa Rhoades, and Anna Smith attended a DYNIX users' meeting on August 14 in Bluffton. While there are excellent features of the new SirsiDynix system, Poor reported that some librarians lamented the loss of often-used circulation functions. As our LIRF funds are being loaned to cover Operating Budget expenses, the more than \$100,000 needed to make the upgrade will have to be considered at a later time.

D. Whitted asked about the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile visit. Poor stated that we hosted almost 150 people. Spinks noted we should have it return at some point, and Poor said that we could get our name on the waiting list again, though we had to wait more than a year for this visit.

New Business

A. None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Beth Stroh, President