

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Vice President Loesch.

Present: Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Nedra Spinks, Brenda Tallent, Russell Taylor and Billie Whitted. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager.

Absent: Beth Stroh.

Approval of Minutes

Taylor moved and Tallent seconded that the minutes of the June 8, 2009 board meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 6288 through 6409 dated June 9th through July 13th were reviewed. Whitted moved and Spinks seconded that claims 6288 through 6409 in the amount of \$1,793,630.84 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and use of gift funds was discussed.

Action Items

None.

Reports

Preliminary 2010 Operating and LIRF budgets. The board discussed advertising dates and meeting dates for the public hearing and the budget adoption. It was determined that the public hearing date would be August 17th and the adoption meeting would be October 12th. Poor reviewed the budgets and explained that a growth factor of 3.8% was used to establish the totals. She noted that more detailed information will be available to us when we meet with the Department of Local Government Finance field representative on July 24th.

Discussion followed including a question about the possibility of experiencing budget cuts, as we did in 2008, once the Assessed Valuation is determined. Poor speculated that our budget is closer now to conforming with the yet-to-be-determined tax rate, because we do know that maximum growth factor even if the actual Assessed Valuation hasn't been compiled yet.

Poor reported on a staff project that compared the costs and circulation for magazines at the Main Library. This study determined that by dropping 90 of the current 336 subscriptions, we would reduce our annual expenditure from \$15,439.47 to \$8,984.08. By dropping 27% of the subscriptions we can divert 42% of the costs to purchasing other, more popular items.

Statistics on circulation, reference assists, requests and programs were reviewed. Whitted noted that it is good to see statistics increased at Hope and stated that David Miller is doing a good job at the branch library.

Poor reported that on July 21st the OverDrive Audio Books Bookmobile will be here to showcase OverDrive digital books. OverDrive staff and library staff members will be available to assist and demonstrate to patrons how to download digital materials. We have received permission to close Fifth Street between Lafayette and Franklin for the Bookmobile to park in front of the library.

New Business

A. None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, McGuire moved and Taylor seconded the meeting be adjourned at 5:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Gayle Loesch, Vice President