

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Library Conference Room
October 12, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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

The minutes were reviewed. Spinks moved and McGuire seconded that the minutes of the September 14, 2009 board meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 6580 through 6674 dated September 15th through October 12th were reviewed. Poor noted that the total claims included transfers of funds between banks and funds. A total of \$350,000 in Operating funds was moved into our account at Indiana Bank & Trust. Claim 6593 for \$20,485.11 was a reimbursement to Operating funds for Talking Books expenditures.

Reynolds contacted Irwin Union Bank in the expectation that the bank would be closed by the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Funds would be insured in part by FDIC and the balance by the State of Indiana. However the State might impose a time during which we would not have access to our funds. Reynolds was advised that we could move all of our funds into a fully FDIC insured account as a precaution although this account would receive a lower rate of interest. Reynolds contacted the State Board of Accounts, and they recommended that we make the change. McGuire concurred, and the account was changed on September 17th.

McGuire moved and Taylor seconded that claims 6580 through 6674 in the amount of \$622,146.90 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. 2010 Budget Adoption. Taylor moved and Spinks seconded that the 2010 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,158,115 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Taylor moved and Spinks seconded that the 2010 Library Improvement Reserve Fund budget in the amount of \$1,557,000 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Nominating Committee for 2010 Board Officers. Loesch asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Spinks and McGuire volunteered with McGuire serving a chairperson. They will offer a slate of officers at the November meeting.

Reports

A. Sunday Hours. Poor provided statistics and a cost estimate to determine if we should end the fall 2009 Sunday hours following Thanksgiving as we did in 2008. Sunday hours would resume on January 10, 2010. Typically library use was much lower between Thanksgiving and January, and the library would save approximately \$2,500 by closing during that period of time. Loesch was not in favor of Sunday hours unless statistics showed substantial circulation use beyond DVD's. McGuire saw no reason to be open, and the consensus was to discontinue Sunday hours after Thanksgiving and resume in January.

Poor noted that Dunlap was performing some concrete repairs to exterior of the main building where rebar was exposed due to years of concrete erosion

Poor advised that several staff members would be attending the ILF annual meeting in Fort Wayne on October 18-20.

Loesch asked about fire safety and Poor advised that we have been in discussion with David Dwyer regarding building access by the fire department in the event of a fire. Discussion followed as to who on staff would be able to open the building.

Loesch if there are plans to update audio visual equipment in the Red Room. Poor noted that we can use LIRF money to make updates if the Library Associates do not have funds in their budget or choose to do a different project.

Whitted stated that the 40th anniversary celebration was very well done and that we had a great turn out for it. The PowerPoint presentations, photo albums and the historical presentation Poor provided were excellent. Poor noted that several past board members and staff members were present. Stories and observations by Steve Suckow, who was the library director during the construction of the building, were enlightening. A poem written and read by a Charlotte Sellars was very entertaining. Sellars was a reporter for THE REPUBLIC at the time and she covered the project for the newspaper.

New Business

A. None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Gail Loesch, President Pro-tem