

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Library Conference Room
October 10, 2011

Call to Order

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

Present: Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Beth Stroh, Brenda Tallent, Billie Whitted and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager, Jennifer Tchida, Children's Librarian; Mike McIver, attorney.

Absent: Robin Whited, Jason Hatton, Assistant Director.

McGuire moved and Loesch seconded that Whitted be elected Secretary Pro Tem in the Absence of Whited. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 12, 2011 board meeting were reviewed. Whitted moved and McGuire seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 8821 through 8919 in the amount of \$454,121.12 were reviewed. Poor noted some highlights on the claims list. Claim 8919 to Moroney Body Works was payment for the new bookmobile which was delivered on October 10th. Claim 8910 for Autonomy provides offsite backup service for a monthly fee. Taylor Bros. made some curb repairs and moved the drain at the bottom of the ADA ramp in an effort to eliminate standing water. McGuire moved and Loesch seconded approval of claims 8821 through 8919 in the amount of \$454,121.12. Motion carried unanimously.

McGuire asked Reynolds if the temporary loan from LIRF to the Operating Fund as approved earlier had been completed, and Reynolds advised that the transaction had not yet been made. Stroh asked if the move would be reflected next month and Reynolds said yes.

Action Items

A. Adoption of 2012 Operating and LIRF Budgets. Whitted moved and Wilkerson seconded that the 2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,343,941 and the 2012 LIRF Budget in the amount of \$1,488,004 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Adoption of 2012-2015 Long Range Plan. Stroh reviewed the need to approve the plan according Indiana State Library format requirements. McGuire was pleased to see that extent of staff comments and suggestions that were solicited in developing the plan. Tallent moved and McGuire seconded that the 2012-2015 Long Range Plan be adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Programming for Teens. Tchida reported that CSD staffer Heather Adams will serve as teen programmer. Adams hopes to reinstate Open Mic Nite which provides teens with a forum to express themselves through music, poetry and comedy. Open Mic Nites will be scheduled for Saturday nights after the library has closed and will take place in the Red Room. The room will be decorated with twinkle lights. Refreshments will be available. All presentations will be supervised by staff.

Adams also wants to establish a creative writing and art sharing programs as well as a photo club. Tchida advised that we are planning to have Xbox gaming programs for teens. Due to the ratings of some games, we will require parents' signatures in order for teens to participate.

Tchida has been working with Columbus North High School librarian Toni Held on establishing a teen book club. The club will meet at school, and books will be provided by a web site called Flamingnet.com. The current plan is to meet monthly with Tchida and Held as moderators. The students will have four to six weeks to read the book and send a review to the website. After the review is received, a new book will be sent to the student. CSA New Tech has also been contacted about starting a book club focusing on 9th through 12th graders. It is hoped that the book clubs may be used as a promotional avenue to establish other library teen programs. The plan is to start the club in January 2012, if there is enough interest.

Discussion followed about what could be done to promote the programs. Stroh asked if prizes would be an incentive and offered a possible solution to providing something through the Connected Communities program.

Whitted asked about a teen advisory board. Tchida advised that students have to apply to be on a board and must take ownership of teen programming. She is hoping to use programming to get a core group to possibly establish an advisory board.

Stroh mentioned the Youth Mobilizers group as a resource. Tchida noted that advertising can be an issue. Stroh suggested that it could be offered as a senior project. Tchida also would like to have teen movie nights, because some teens cannot afford to pay to go to the theater. Other suggestions to get teens involved included placing bookmarks inside books at check out with suggestion spaces for new purchases. The bookmark could then be returned with the book. Whitted suggested blogging to our website.

B. Use of the Main Library for Library Associates fund raiser events. Poor advised that some BCLA members asked about holding fund raising activities at the library and charging the participants. Stroh felt it that as a tax supported entity, it would be a problem charging for events especially in regard to children. The board agreed that activities at the library should be available to all people in the community and that charging for events would inhibit some from attending or participating. Tchida has found when visiting the schools that many students have the misconception that they have to pay to use of library. One of her main goals is a make students and parents aware that our services are free.

Discussion followed about some types of fund raising activities that could be held. Poor noted that in the past BCLA held a raffle for a restaurant meal and an ice cream party. Any member of the public who wished to purchase a ticket could participate if desired. Whitted asked for more information about BCLA. Poor will contact the BCLA board about attending one of our meetings.

McGuire recommended more ideas for involving teens including clubs for knitting, sewing, cooking, and bullying prevention. She used to teach a leadership class for students to help them develop self-esteem.

New Business

A. Poor announced that an open house for touring the new Bookmobile will be held on Wednesday, October 12 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on the library plaza. Donations of cookies and popcorn have been received from McDonalds, Sam's Club, and Carol Buck of Not Just Popcorn.

B. Poor reminded board members that the next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at the Hope Branch annex.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board Whitted moved and Wilkerson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Billie Whitted, Secretary Pro Tem

Beth Stroh, President