

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2019
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Whitted.

Present: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Vern Jorck, Brenda Tallent, Billie Whitted, and Angie Wieneke. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Angela Eck, Assistant Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator; Rebecca McNair, Children's and Teen Services; Mike McIver, attorney.

Absent: Mike Wilkerson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 11, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Gron moved and Jorck seconded approval of the February 11, 2019 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 116 through 195 in the amount of \$311,691.62 were reviewed. Hatton made note of the following claims: Claim 131 to the Bartholomew County Historical Society is for storage space for bricks and granite left over from the Plaza renovation for future needed repairs. Claim 158 to Honeymoon Hauling is for final transfer of Archives items from the warehouse to the Main Library. Claim 173 to Shred-It is a one-time large shred for non-essential items from Archives. Claim 167 to Friends of the Pendleton Community Library for an interactive wall display for the Children's area. Claim 174 to Staublin is for cameras at Hope branch. Claims 185 – 192 are to the off-duty sheriff's deputies who provide security. Tallent asked about the amount being spent on the deputies. Hatton answered that since Pat Bryant joined our staff, the security detail focus has shifted. Bryant is in the library from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The deputies are providing security after those hours up to closing time. He added that staff were reporting issues arising after the deputies or Bryant left and concerns about staff leaving the building after dark. He also said that this situation is constantly being assessed and that adjustments can be made to determine how best to provide a secure work place for staff and a secure area for patrons. Tallent moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay Claims 116 through 195 in the amount of \$311,691.62. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Financial Reports. Hatton advised the Board that due to this meeting being so early in the month, bank statements have not been received. When the bank statements are available and the monthly Financial reports can be prepared, they will be sent to Board members.

Action Items

None.

Reports

A. Children's and Teen Certified Library Assistant Rebecca McNair. McNair gave a presentation on the programs she is overseeing in the Children's and Teen departments. There are eight recurring programs; one for Teens and seven for Children's with four of those being geared toward Tweens. Several of the programs are STEM related. McNair reported that she is also continuing the Coder Dojo program that has been very popular and continues to grow in attendance. She said that improving Tween services has been a major focus. Tween programs target patrons between the ages of 8 and 12, and grades 4 – 6.

McNair highlighted a program held on March 2. Meet Your Maker was a citywide, free event for the people of Columbus to visit the various Maker-Spaces in the city. The event was designed to highlight programs and resources already available in the community. She reported that there were 141 participants. Many were families new to BCPL, so it was an excellent opportunity to introduce them to what we have to offer.

McNair and Hatton discussed the book chosen for the Community Book Read – *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies*. There are plans for much programming to coordinate with the book and the themes in the book.

Hatton also discussed some of the plans for this year's 50th Anniversary of the library and the celebration planned to honor Cleo Rogers. Jorck asked about additional information on Cleo herself. There was discussion about having a presentation for the Board from Tricia Gilson, Archivist.

Whitted asked McNair about the number and variety of programming for children. McNair responded that we are constantly evaluating the programs we currently provide and what we can provide in the future. One such program is Scratch Boot Camp, which is an introduction to computer programming for younger children. She also stated that staff conduct exploratory sessions to see where interest is in the families who use the library and what we can do to draw new families.

Public Comment – 10 minutes

Gron asked about parking concerns. Hatton responded that constricted parking has been and will, most likely, always be an issue. Weineke asked if there was a way to make it more obvious which parking spots belong to the library. Hatton responded that we share parking with the City and with the Visitor's Center. He added that the lot needs repaving and there has been discussion about restriping the spots. Some spots are very small, but if those are made larger, we obviously lose spots. Weineke asked if we conduct customer satisfaction surveys and if they include questions about parking. Hatton replied that parking always elicits a big negative response. Whitted asked about availability of spaces in existing parking garages or other parking areas. Hatton answered that we have talked to St. Peters about some space they are developing. Weineke asked about special designations for spots for Children's, etc. Hatton said that we are considering some options to try to eliminate the need for patrons to park, such as drive-up delivery or curbside service. The logistics are still being discussed.

New Business

Hatton reported on on-going legislative news. The bill that would require libraries to go through binding review process with the council for budget is still alive. There has also been discussion on a bill that would require nationwide background checks on any person presenting a program to any group that includes children under the age of 14. Obviously, any requirement like that would greatly impact our programming. He will report back with status on both pieces of legislation.

Hatton reminded the Board of the next scheduled meeting on April 8, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Whitted and Weineke indicated that they would not be present at the April meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Attested:

Gary Gron, Secretary

Billie Whitted, President