

Bristol Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 16, 2012
701 Goode Street Bristol, VA

Pete Lauzon, President, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was present. New teen members, Jessica Harosky and Drew Murray, were welcomed.

Trustees present: Beverly Bowers, Gayle Brown, Erin Downs, Ed Harlow, Jessica Harosky, Joyce Kistner, Pete Lauzon, Walter Morton, Drew Murray, and Katherine Wilson-Thompson.

Trustees absent: Margaret Feierabend, Emily O'Quinn.

Library staff present: Jud Barry, Executive Director; Brenda Dunn, Administrative Assistant; Pam Neal, Young Adult Librarian; Michelle Page, Children's Librarian; Christian Trombetta, Digital Services Librarian.

Library Foundation staff present: Anita Machado, Executive Director; Sarah Hutchinson, Marketing Director.

Holston River Regional Library staff present: None

Guests present: Ben Trout, Bristol Motor Speedway.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting were approved as emailed (Erin, Joyce).

Treasurer's Report: Ed reported the Committee met and reviewed the financial reports which were good; discussed continuing education with no action taken; discussed training for Sarah Hutchinson in the amount of \$895 which died due to lack of a motion.

Strategic Plan Focus: Marketing Report: Sarah Hutchinson introduced Ben Trout, who does PR for Bristol Motor Speedway and acted as facilitator for the Committee. Together they went over the report (on file). Some of the top priority items were Education, Literacy Academy, Discovery Series, Storytime, Career/Job assistance, Teen/Children Summer programs, GED preparation, and Learning lifestyle. Ben stated this process never ends and he hopes the Committee continues to meet. Sarah and Anita thanked him for all his hard work.

Unfinished Business: Committees/Subcommittees: Pete stated the list had been sent out and asked that anyone wanting to be on a Committee or be taken off a Committee let Brenda know. He added this is a work in progress and hopes to get Committees working soon.

New Business: None.

Policy Review: Request for Reconsideration: Jud stated the Board Development Committee would like to look at policies on a regular basis and asked that this be on the agenda. We have a children's book that is being challenged at this time. He asked the Board if anyone would like to be on the Committee which will also include community members. Erin asked if we would also need to review the Library's Collection Development policy at the same time as decisions on appropriateness are based on it. Jud stated this would be next month's policy to review. Discussion followed. Jud will get together a Committee to review this Request for Reconsideration.

Strategic Plan Focus: Summer Reading Program Report: Pam went over her report (on file) as passed out. She stated the program was very successful with 71 programs and 1610 teens attending. She thanked the Board for their support of the Teen program.

Michelle went over her report (on file) as passed out. She stated they had a great summer with an average of 450-600 children each week with a total of 103 programs with 2,894 children up from 96 programs and 2,796 last year. She thanked the Boar, the Foundation and Highlands Community Services (who provided backpacks for all the children) for their support.

Executive Director's Report: As emailed (on file). Jud asked Christian to update the Board on Wi-Fi upgrade. Christian reported in late 2011 we had been having regular switch and hardware failure. He has replaced the entire network infrastructure and all new fiber optic for future growth. He has been upgrading the access points for the Wi-Fi during the summer and finished last week. This expands our range and brings us up to current standards. This will allow him to boot someone abusing the service off Wi-Fi without disrupting other library patrons. This is a big improvement in our wireless service.

Jud reported we had our first ever event on the Plaza the morning of the Mumford and Sons concert featuring items from the Gift Shop (mugs, t-shirts, water, etc.). Several local authors were present (including Joyce) selling books and we had live music. He stated we hope to do this again during Race Night and other times as well.

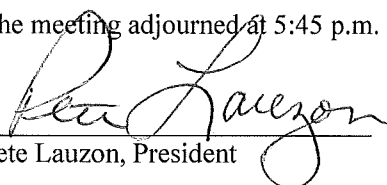
He stated the article about LAB in the Library Journal had confirmed we have a unique program as the reporter could not find any other libraries with a program like ours. He added he has received several very complimentary messages about the article from library colleagues in Virginia and Tennessee. He also reported that LAB will received additional funding of \$2,500 per year from the Virginia Literacy Foundation bring the total to \$10,000 per year for the next two years. This is due in large part to the work Randall Mullins has done in getting our data into formats that are useable, which has us back in good graces with VLF.

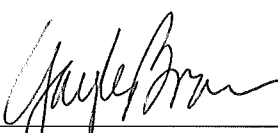
HRRL Report: Pete read Nancy's email (on file). The 2012 Trustee Workshop for Tennessee will to October 5, 2012 at the King Family Library in Sevierville.

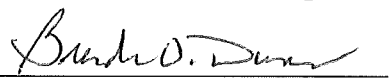
Information: None.

The next Board meeting will be on September 20, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. at Main.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Pete Lauzon, President


Gayle Brown, Secretary


Brenda Dunn, Recording Secretary