

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

Emily O'Quinn, President, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Guest and Staff were welcomed.

Trustees present: Beverly Bowers, Gayle Brown, Margaret Feierabend, Ed Harlow, Joyce Kistner, Pete Lauzon (4:40 p.m.), Walter Morton, Emily O'Quinn, Alex Thompson (4:55 p.m.), Katherine Wilson-Thompson (4:55 p.m.).

Trustees absent: Erin Downs, Megan Hopkins, Beth Muncy.

Library staff present: Jud Barry, Executive Director; Brenda Dunn, Administrative Assistant; Janice Hoelscher, Circulation Supervisor; Pam Neal, Young Adult Librarian; Christian Trombetta, Digital Services Librarian.

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

Watauga Regional Library staff present: None.

Guests present: Bristol Youth Leadership Team: Carter Bagnall, Virginia High School; Annabeth Bouton, Central High School; Hannah Breal, Logan Hart, and Dustin Howser, Tennessee High School.

Recognition of Service – Mike Parker: Tabled until Mike can be present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for January 19, 2012 were approved as emailed (Ed, Walter).

Treasurer's Report: Ed reported the Finance Committee had met yesterday and went over the minutes as emailed (on file). Emily inquired about the BurWil statement. Jud reported the request was sent and there had not been a reply yet. Ed added the Committee wanted to be sure that steps taken so far and in the future are documented, and that an independent study of the problem by another contractor should be done. Margaret stated that any other steps taken would need to be included in next year's budget request.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Bristol Youth Leadership Report: Pam turned the presentation over to the group stating they had done all the work. Dustin Howser went over the changes the group would like to see happen in the Teen Area. Changes include enclosing the area with glass walls; ending the area at the study room door; adding computers to be used only by teens; make the area have a coffee shop theme with more tables, chairs, and couches. They would like the stuffed animals removed. They stated they want to have a relaxed atmosphere to do homework and socialize. They like the mural and love that a local teen painted it; they believe it could be used on Nook or laptop cases to sell. Although none reported to have library cards they believe the Teen Area could appeal to their generation at a minimal cost. Emily thanked the group for their presentation.

Strategic Plan Focus: Jud and Janice reported on the current volunteer situation and future plans to increase volunteerism. Discussion followed.

Foundation Report: Anita went over her report as handed out (on file). She added that the approved Alcohol policy had been taken to the Foundation Board. They have no current plans to use it. The first Discovery Series speaker would be Beth Holloway on March 22, 2012. Sarah reported visits to the website

are up; that Discovery Series attendance for Oliver North was 400, Mary Kay Andrews 80, Cake Boss 1,500; that we continue to have good coverage in the newspaper with 22 articles in October and 28 articles in both November and December, and Facebook and Twitter usages has increased as well.

Executive Director's Report: As emailed (on file). He asked each Board Member present to rank 18 different library programs with a Priority vs. Performance score with a 1 as low and a 5 as high. This had been done by the Program Committee at their last meeting.

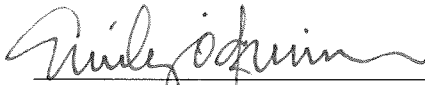
WRL Report: Jud went over Nancy's report as handed out at the meeting (on file).

Information: Friends of the Library Report: Joyce handed out the report from their February meeting which talked about the Books on Wheels program (on file). She also asked everyone to look at the Gallery Committee report that was included in the packet.

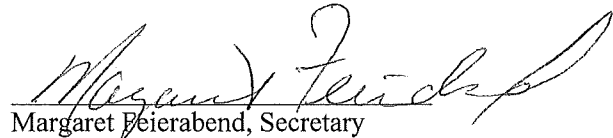
Jud reported that Arts in Public Places was hosting a competition for young artists which will be displayed in the Gallery during March.

The next board meeting will be on March 15, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. at Main.


The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Emily O'Quinn, President



Margaret Feierabend, Secretary



Brenda Dunn, Recording Secretary