

Bristol Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 20, 2013
701 Goode Street Bristol, VA

Pete Lauzon, President, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Everyone was welcomed.

Trustees present: Beverly Bowers, Gayle Brown, Jessica Harosky, Joyce Kistner, Pete Lauzon, Walter Morton, and Drew Murray.

Trustees absent: Margaret Feierabend, Ed Harlow, Rita Hawkins, Julian Hernandez, Emily O'Quinn, and Katherine Wilson-Thompson.

Library staff present: Jud Barry, Executive Director; Brenda Dunn, Administrative Assistant; Karen Gaylor, ALL Coordinator; Kristin Herndon, Reference; Jeanne Powers, Reference Librarian; Susan Wolfe, Avoca Branch Librarian.

Library Foundation staff present: Sarah Hutchinson, Marketing Director.

Holston River Regional Library staff present: None.

Guests present: John Ellis, Patron; Susan Johnson, Patron; Candy Snodgrass, Arts in Public Places; Mary Jane Miller, Arts in Public Places.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting were approved as emailed (Jessica, Joyce).

Treasurer's Report: Jud went over the Finance Committee minutes as handed out (on file).

Unfinished Business: Interior Revision Plan: Jud reported the Interior Revisions outline requested last month on how to proceed with the project was included in the packet (on file). He stated both Margaret and Emily had reviewed, updated and approved the outline. The outline mostly involves the fundraising for the work. The next step would be getting a firm estimate from the architects for the design process and he has asked Trish Kaffenberger to pursue that. When we get the estimate a joint meeting of the Library and Foundation Boards will be scheduled. He added that Anita would be staying on for the next few months as an unpaid Director and will be available to help.

New Business: Arts in Public Places Proposal: Candy Snodgrass and Mary Jane Miller addressed the Board concerning the AiPP proposal. They stated that AiPP has a sponsor who is going to give a gift to the Cities that will be placed at the Library. The proposal was approved by the Board (Beverly, Joyce).

Policy Review – Conduct: Jud went over the recommended changes to the policy as emailed (on file). He stated a couple of patrons had expressed dissatisfaction at the noise level in the Library and that one patron, John Ellis, was present. Jud added he believes the revision necessary to recognize that different locations and activities allow for a variable permissible noise level. Mr. Ellis expressed his concerns that changing the policy would only make it worse. He stated that "kindness was quietness" and read from an email he had previously sent to Jud that was forwarded on to Board Members. Discussion followed. Jud suggested noise cancelling earphones might be helpful. Gayle asked that the minutes reflect we are working on our structural challenges and looking into quiet zones and noise cancelling earphones. Susan Johnson expressed her support for the policy change. Jeanne and Kristin from the Reference Department added the change would help them in speaking with patrons. The Board approved the recommended conduct policy changes (Joyce, Beverly).

Election of Officers: Pete presented the slate as: Pete Lauzon, President; Katherine Wilson-Thompson, Vice-President; Gayle Brown, Secretary; Ed Harlow, Treasurer. The Board approved the slate (Beverly, Joyce).

Report of BPL Foundation: The Foundation Board met on Monday and the money has run out to sustain the paid positions. Anita and Sarah's last day will be June 30th. We are hoping that Sarah will be able to do some projects for us from time to time. We wish them all the best.

Executive Director's Report: (Report on file as emailed). Jud added that Bristol Rhythm and Roots has approached the City of Bristol, Virginia with a request to set up a beer garden in the Piedmont Parking Lot. The City under their ordinance says there is nothing that stands in the way of their approving their request. The Library will be closed that weekend. Jud started it would be good if the board approved a waiver for this since our policy states no alcohol. Joyce asked if the City was aware of our policy about no alcohol on the premises. Discussion followed. Sarah reported the City had already approved this since the parking lot belongs to the City. Pete asked that we check with the City attorney to see if we can stop the parking lot from being used for a beer garden. If we can stop the use of the parking lot a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

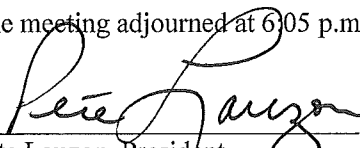
HRRL Report: None.

Information: There will be a luncheon for Anita and Sarah on June 28th at noon. Remember to RSVP to Brenda.

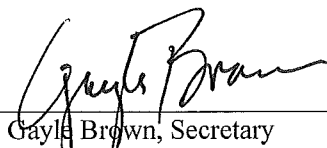
Pete recognized Board members Jessica Harosky, Joyce Kistner and Beverly Bowers who are leaving the Board at the end of the month. All received certificates and the book of their choice was placed in the collection honoring their years of service to the Library.

The next Board meeting will be on July 18, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. at Main.

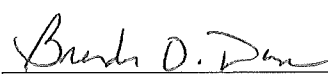
The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Pete Lauzon, President



Gayle Brown, Secretary



Brenda Dunn, Recording Secretary