

Scott County Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

September 09, 2014

Regular monthly meeting, as authorized by the by-laws, of the Scott County Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Michael Tackett. Members present included Susan Smith, Dan Miller, and Alonzo Allen. Also attending were Barbara O'Hara, Director; Bruce Lankford, Attorney; Mandy Brooks, Recording Secretary; and Sharon Roggenkamp; Media Relations. Members of the public attending were, Cathy McGee, Nancy Brown, Emily Porter, Roseann Fitzclaire, Joe Galenstein, Wes Wright, and Sharon Roggenkamp. Monica Sumner, architect from Brandsetter Carrol, was also in attendance.

Public Comments: Cathy McGee addressed her concerns to the board about the current expansion plans. Ms. McGee prefers the board to wait on construction and consider a branch. She feels that the process is being rushed and that little of the public knows about the expansion plans. She notified the board that a public petition to halt the construction will be presented at the public unveiling of the approved plans on Thursday, September 11, 2014.

Nancy Brown addressed her concerns with the construction plans and worries that the Library is spending all of its money. She too would like the board to wait on the addition and consider a branch.

Emily Porter addressed her concerns about the construction plans as well. Her main concern is with the disruption to current Library services.

Roseann Fitzclaire shared with the board, her desire to set up a voter's registration booth at the Library. She feels like it would be a perfect fit.

Joe Galenstein introduced himself as a member of KFTC, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. He discussed the advantages to the people of the community and to the Library if the board would consider a voter registration event here.

Wes Wright, also of KFTC, wanted the board to know that they keep all voter cards under lock and key and that they hold the cards at a high level of security. He then agreed with what Joe and Roseann had to say about setting up a voter's registration event at the Library.

Dan Miller addressed Roseann, Joe, and Wes asking if they had any proposed dates for holding this event and where they would like to set up. Joe said they would like to have it going on every Saturday from now until October 6th and one Thursday during lunch. They would also prefer the clock tower area with the option to come into the lobby if it were bad weather.

At this time, Michael Tackett mentioned that the County Clerk, Rebecca Johnson, will be providing a locked box for the registration cards to go in to. Joe prefers that they have access to those cards so they can follow up with voters via newsletters.

The Board Members don't feel comfortable with KFTC handling cards with people's social security numbers on them. They told KFTC that they could register voters by having them put their cards in the County Clerk's locked box and then asking them separately if they wanted to sign up for the newsletter.

The Board then addressed Ms. McGee, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Porter's concerns about the construction project by letting them know that they appreciated them coming and letting their concerns be known, but they wished they had come to the Board sooner. They informed the ladies that the construction project has been underway for some time now and that the addition will be planned according to the public's needs and desires.

At this time, Ms. Roggenkamp stepped in to let Ms. McGee, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Porter know what tools the Library has used to get the information to the public including the newspaper, press releases, and public meetings.

The Board continued to address the concerns by pointing out that the size of the Library, even after construction, will still not be large enough to accommodate the current population size and that the Library cannot continue to hold money that would be best used to serve the public. They also addressed Ms. Brown's monetary concerns by walking her through the budget and the total monies that the Library has. The Board then told the ladies that they don't think that a branch will be feasible for at least 5 more years when we will have a better idea of where in the county most of the population growth will be. This will give them a better idea of where the branch should be located to serve the public properly.

Michael Tackett thanked everyone for their comments and closed public comments at 6:10pm. At this time, each member of the public and Sharon Roggenkamp left the meeting.

MOTION by Alonzo Allen to accept the minutes. Second by Susan Smith. Motion carried.

MOTION by Dan Miller to accept the minutes from the special called meeting. Second by Alonzo Allen. Motion carried.

MOTION by Alonzo Allen to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Dan Miller. Motion carried.

MOTION by Susan Smith to accept the voucher as presented and to include the payment of the VISA bill upon receipt. Second by Alonzo Allen. Motion carried.

Friends: The Friends held their monthly meeting on August 13, 2014. Barbara reported that the Friends have prepared a survey to analyze public interest in a Friends Bookstore.

Circulation Report: Barbara O'Hara presented the circulation report and noted the increasing trends in electronic books, the rise of Library cards, and the decline in print circulation.

Department Report: Barbara presented a statistical form created by Roseann Polashek on the success of the Summer Reading program this summer. The Board was pleased with the turn out.

Building Maintenance/Security: Barbara reported that the Library just replaced an air conditioning unit last week that is still not working properly. She has notified Owen Butler so he can get with the maintenance company.

The Library has increased Mike Renfro's hours to accommodate the need while Marcum is out. Once Marcum is on federal disability, the Library will start looking for a full time Maintenance staff member.

Unfinished Business: Susan Smith updated the Board on her meetings with Kim Durrum and Jennifer Roberts as potential new board members. Kim Durrum is not a Scott County resident and Ms. Roberts is just winding down from previous commitments and isn't interested at this time. Before the Board meeting, Susan did meet with Jennifer Baldwin who was honored to be considered and is ready to serve.

The Board discussed other candidates that Susan will speak with. Those candidates are, Jeanne Biddle, Laura Green, and Debbie Sewell. Updates on the search will be presented at the next meeting.

Building Project Update: Monica Sumner presented the front exterior view of the building with the new addition. She pointed out some changes in the plan that differ from the last plans the Board saw.

MOTION by Dan Miller to continue with the design of the book drop in the cul-de-sac as an alternate bid. Second by Alonzo Allen. Motion carried.

MOTION by Susan Smith to continue with the design of the road access on Marshall Drive and to evaluate additional parking spaces at the rear of the building. Second by Alonzo Allen. Motion carried.

Monica then presented the proposed budget to the board. The current costs are at 5.5 million. With the addition of fees, the totals is at 5.9 million. This estimate does not have furniture or additional parking lot construction on Marshall Drive included into the figures.

MOTION by Susan Smith to approve the construction design for bid as per the schedule presented by Monica Sumner. Second by Dan Miller. Motion carried.

At this time, Michael Tackett wanted to board to address the voter registration group. The board agreed to let them register voters, but only using Ms. Johnson's lock box and the group using other forms to sign people up for newsletters.

MOTION by Dan Miller to allow the voting group to do voter registration here at the Library with the County Clerk's lock box and then to keep that box full time at the Library. Second by Susan Smith. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Barbara updated the Board on the progress of the new Bookmobile. She expects it to be complete and on the road in about 3 weeks.

Regional Librarian's Report: None

MOTION by Susan Smith to adjourn the meeting Second by Alonzo Allen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Dan Miller, Secretary

Mandy Brooks, Recording Secretary

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