

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board June 25th, 2024

Board Members present: Ralph McBride, Mary Pitner, Shay Maupin, Ronnette Tillman, Jennifer Templeton, and John Boutwell. Michelle Hasty was present as a prospective board member. Also present: Margaret Petty – Library Director, Cindy Matthews – Assistant Director and Clayton Allen – intern with the Regional Library. Not present: Mary Gore, Dr. Gerald Martin, Yesenia Lira-Garcia, Marilyn Ewing, and Mark McGee.

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm with a quorum of seven (7) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

Ronnette Tillman made the motion to approve May’s minutes, and Jennifer Templeton seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Templeton made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Ronnette Tillman seconded the motion. All approved.

Regional Libraries’ Report

Cindy Matthews shared that the library is in the process of working on the standard survey report.

Old Business

Sarai Vargas will not be able to serve for this term. With her declination, a city seat was opened. Mary Pitner suggested Brent Pewitt serve on the Board. She stepped out to make a phone call to see if he would be interested. With a statement of “Ralph owes me a big one!” and a little conversation - Mr. Pewitt accepted the request. McBride responded with, “Just try to collect.”

Ralph McBride requested a motion to approve Mr. Brent Pewitt joining the SBCPL Board. John Boutwell moved the motion to approve. Mary Pitner seconded.

New Business

According to Margaret Petty, The Connected Communities Facilities Grant is a great grant to apply for! Recipients can request up to \$2 million dollars. To be considered for a reward, plans

for funds must include, *but are not limited to*, connectivity to broadband. The focus would be the patio and storage. With the funds, there is a possibility the building could be rewired. The deadline is July 12th. Petty asked for approval to proceed with applying for the grant. She truly believes this would be a missed opportunity! There are plans to reach out to John Davis (retired architect) to discuss setback guidelines, etc.

Ralph McBride asked for a motion for Margaret Petty to consult John and move forward with applying for the funds. Ronnette Tillman approved. Jennifer Templeton seconded. Approved unanimously.

Friends of the Library

At their last meeting, the FOTL reviewed their bylaws (which haven't been assessed since 1995). Jessica Osborne is serving as chair. They plan to vote for an author for the annual luncheon at their July meeting.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Community Relations

No report.

Property Committee

There was a small leak in the men's restroom, but it has now been fixed.

Librarian's Report

Margaret shared the audit is almost over (YAY!). There have been some inconsistencies, however they plan to review and correct those.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary