

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board June 24th, 2025

Board Members present: Ralph McBride, Dr. Gerald Martin, Shay Maupin, Michelle Hasty, John Boutwell, Jennifer Templeton, Brent Pewitt, Bonne Belden, and Mark McGee. Also present: Margaret Petty – Library Director, Kate Huddleston – Regional Director, Cindy Matthews – Assistant Regional Director and Greg Palm – TCLA (intern). Not present: Betsy Noel.

Called to Order

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 12:21 PM with a quorum of nine (9) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

All approved.

Treasurer's Report

All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

Huddleston started with the announcement that our Library Service Agreement had been turned in. Those were due by June 20th. She also shared that board members had until June 30th to get their Trustee Certifications completed.

Old Business

Ralph McBride advised that he received an email from Ginger Shofner stating the City of Shelbyville was not ready for presentation at this month's board meeting. Shofner chimed in and advised that someone was working on a boundary survey. She also asked if they could have time (to present) at July's meeting.

Bonne Belden spoke up and advised that we should consider it. But not as gift – meaning, the City of Shelbyville should pay us. Brent Pewitt asked if the city would have to solicit public comment. Shofner replied that they would not. Michelle Hasty shared that she agreed with Belden. John Boutwell announced he looked at the deed and noticed that the library purchased the land in 2000 for \$10,000.

McBride brought up the fact of how much the city has appropriated the library funds over the years. Since the fiscal year 2001/2002, the county has shown more support to the library by

giving the most funds 17 times. He also pointed out that county folks attend our spring reception more than the city.

If the headquarters were to go next door, Brent Pewitt shared his concern there could be a change in noise levels.

Michelle Hasty added that we could always expand up however the land in question – is out of the equation due to it needing to be leveled. To that statement, John Boutwell advised we could always sell the land and build a bigger library elsewhere.

Ralph suggested we move the subject to July's meeting as we are not obligated to vote today.

Ginger Bobo Shofner, Bobby Turnbow, Josh Blevins, William Christie, Scott Collins and Lisa Smith, all with the City of Shelbyville, were in attendance.

KSA is waiting on the board to decide which concept we wanted to move forward with so they could start preparation for the patio. Concept A received 7 votes. Concept B received 1 vote. Concept A was chosen.

Ralph welcomed and introduced new member, Vida Vannatta. Her term will start next month.

New Business

Chris White was not present. No report.

Friends of the Library

The luncheon will be held at the Blue Ribbon. There will be a charge of \$1,000 to rent the space for the event. Because of that, FOTL are looking to hold it elsewhere next year.

Margaret was asked if she would be the liaison to the board since she attends their meetings and it makes it easier.

Personnel Committee

Katie Maldonado's last day was Friday, June 20th. Margaret plans to give an update on future plans for that position next month, after she receives budget information.

Community Relations

Mark McGee announced there was a grant update posted in the paper.

Property Committee

Dr. Gerlad Martin said Sherry's phone had been disconnected but he was able to get ahold of her through Facebook. She has not forgotten about the lemur. He is still in the hospital.

Librarian's Report

The ceremony that was originally planned for June 28th has now been rescheduled to July 26th at 10:30AM. It's been moved back due to an extremely busy month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary