Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board July 28th, 2026

Board Members present: Jennifer Templeton, Shay Maupin, Mark McGee, Michelle Hasty, Brent Pewitt, Betsy Noel, and Megan Trott. Also present: Margaret Petty – Library Director and Cindy Matthews – Assistant Regional Director. Not present: Dr. Gerald Martin and Bonne Belden.

Called to Order

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 1:01PM with a quorum of seven (7) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

All approved.

Treasurer's Report

The budget that was presented to the city was not granted therefore; Margaret had to make some adjustments. Betsy Noel made a motion to approve. Mark McGee seconded. All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

Cindy Matthews announced that our library had finished Title 6 Compliance. As always, there are library trainings being offered. The trustee workshop is coming up in September. Trustees can attend either location, Nashville or Crossville. If representation from SBCPL does not attend, we are cut 50% on the Tech Grant. Registration will open soon.

Old Business

Margaret started out asking if we would really consider if we wanted to contract J's Professional Cleaning Service again. Margaret said her work has not been the best the last several months. She went on to say that the JaniKing contract can be cancelled at any time. We get more cleaning perks compared to what we have now. Betsy Noel made a motion to award the contract to the JaniKing Commercial Cleaning Services. Michelle Hasty seconded. Margaret will let J's know that the library will not be renewing their services.

New Business

We now have a Makerspace Room User policy. Kate Huddleston made a few recommendations on verbiage that should be added. Betsy asked if the room was marketed. Petty said that at the moment, no. She wanted to make sure there was a policy first. Betsy Noel made a motion to approve the makerspace policy. Mark McGee seconded.

The historical society storage room is making its round again! The question that sparked discussion was, “What is our obligation to them?”. When the library was built, money was donated for an office and history room. Brent Pewitt raised the question if there was a trail that we owe them the space here. With the growing demands of the library, the space that’s “occupied” could be used for other things. Betsy Noel made a motion to start discussion on them moving their things by the end of the year. Brent Pewitt made an addendum to include a general list of their inventory. Noel okayed the addendum. Mark McGee seconded.

The library has had several issues with the homeless population hanging outside of the library entrance. Tom Pilford called Margaret very upset and had concerns for people loitering and patrons being scared to walk inside. This is becoming a major issue. Cindy Matthews added that we can update our Code of Conduct to include language about loitering.

Friends of the Library

Margaret asked that it is put in the job description, for the director, that he or she must attend the Friends of the Library meetings and remain the liaison.

The Author’s Luncheon will be held on October 6th at Noon.

Personnel Committee

Betsy brought up the topic that the salary is extremely low. Discussion ensued and several board members agreed that it will be hard finding someone. Margaret said that we may have a part-timer on staff that is interested.

As of Friday, July 24th, Savannah Bobo is no longer employed at the SBCPL. The youth services position is open. It’s not a top priority to fill that position at this time.

Community Relations

Mark McGee plans to put an ad in the newspaper that we are looking for a new director and one for the makerspace room!

Property Committee

The patio is starting to look like a patio! The digital sign discussion has come up again. A permit will need to be purchased. A part is missing and will need to be replaced. It’s around $1,200.

Librarian’s Report

As Margaret prepares for her final month, she will continue to work on the ECF Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary