

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board January 28th, 2025

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

Called to Order

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 1:02pm with a quorum of eight (8) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

All approved.

Treasurer's Report

All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

Cynthia Matthews started the Regional Libraries' Report by stating the online modules for the Trustee Certifications will be revamped in the next month or so. She also reminded everyone that it is a monetary threat to our grants if board members aren't certified.

Old Business

The Board photo has been postponed to a later date.

New Business

Margaret Petty shared that she has been reviewing the library holidays. She shared that the Regional Library and State Library go by the government holidays. SBCPL gets every holiday except for Good Friday. Since being in the new building, the library has been closed on Easter Monday and Columbus Day. Those days were typically designated for staff development days. Petty asked if Good Friday could be added to the list of paid holidays and Easter Monday and Columbus Day be used as days the staff could attend the TLA conference.

John Boutwell made a motion to approve the new holiday arrangement. Mary Pitner seconded the motion. All approved.

Since adding Sunday hours, Margaret shared that on average, 10 patrons attend the library during the new hours. The staff suggested that instead of being opened on Sundays, the library would operate Monday – Friday, 8am – 7pm. Saturday’s, 8am – 5pm. They feel the community would benefit more throughout the week than the doors being opened on Sundays.

Mary Pitner made a motion to move the hours of our remaining trial period (end of the fiscal year). Brent Pewitt seconded the motion. All approved.

Margaret brought up the conversation of reviewing the Meeting Room policy. She would like to see additional verbiage and the fee increased.

Ralph McBride brought up the Reception Luncheon that is held for City Council members, County Commissioners, and Mayors. The board landed on February 25th at 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Friends of the Library

No report.

Personnel Committee

Erin Berry is the newest staff member. She has been hired for the part time position. Berry works a couple of mornings throughout the week and on Saturdays. So far, she is doing great!

Community Relations

No report.

Property Committee

Margaret said she spoke with the admins of the CCF Grant. After much conversation, the storage building is a no go. However, the patio can remain.

Discussion of future plans for the awarded money came up. Several ideas were thrown out regarding changing the use of the boardroom.

Dr. Gerald Martin made a motion to move the boardroom. Mary Pitner seconded the motion. All approved.

Ralph McBride appointed Jennifer Templeton, Michelle Hasty, Mary Pitner and Brent Pewitt to the Building Committee.

Librarian’s Report

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary