

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board February 25th, 2025

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

Called to Order

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 1:03pm with a quorum of eight (8) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

John Boutwell made a motion to approve January's minutes. Dr. Gerald Martin seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Pitner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Michelle Hasty seconded. All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

Kate Huddleston dispersed the 2024 Standards Survey Results. She advised that SBCPL should be thinking about implementing a long range plan. Huddleston announced we're doing great on our budget and on library visits compared to neighboring communities. She also gave a reminder to spend the rest of the federal and state funds.

Old Business

Margaret Petty has suggested changing verbiage for a few bullet points in the Meeting Room policy. There needs to be clarification on public openness. Ralph McBride asked how other libraries were worded. Petty advised Chattanooga's was the most updated. Updating the Meeting Room policy would help when patrons ask staff what their group falls under. Most of the time, they are left speechless, so this update will help with clarity.

If the organization is nonprofit, a deposit does not have to be paid. However, they must show proof. Otherwise, if not and they are a for profit, a refundable deposit will need to be paid. The Board suggested using a policy like Davidson County's. Margaret Petty plans to draft a new one for next month's meeting.

New Business

No report.

Friends of the Library

Their next meeting is on March 11th. The book sale is March 18th – 22nd.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Community Relations

Mark McGee will make sure to include a story about the library changing hours.

Property Committee

No report.

Librarian's Report

The storage building was brought up. We plan to go over that at March's meeting so that it can be a more in-depth discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary