

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board September 23rd, 2025

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

Called to Order

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 1:04PM 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

Kate Huddleston congratulated the library on being awarded \$3,346 through the Tech Grant. She also acknowledged Ralph McBride for attending the Trustee Workshop in Brentwood, TN – representing SBCPL. New training guidelines are now in effect - any library training that is offered counts as state training. Bonne Belden, John Boutwell, Brent Pewitt, and Michelle Hasty received their trustee certifications for completing the certification modules. Huddleston finished her report by reminding everyone that MOE's are due October 31st.

Old Business

The city has moved on to different locations and is no longer interested in the properties conjoined to the library. Ralph McBride was happy to share that the appraisals for the properties owned by the library were completed. The South Jefferson Street address (next to the parking lot) was appraised for \$278,000 dollars. The South Main Street address was appraised for \$395,500 dollars. Should a conversation like this come up in the future, we can reference the reports.

New Business

Margaret Petty brought up the idea of the library selling the old tables and chairs in the previous boardroom. She advised that if we can't sell them, we could set them out for someone to pick up.

Bonne Belden suggested reaching out to the school system to see if they could use them. Ralph McBride pitched in and suggested someone reach out to Grundy County and see if they could use them at one of their several locations.

Jennifer Templeton made the motion to either donate or sell the tables and chairs formerly used by board members. Bonne Belden seconded the motion. All approved.

Friends of the Library

Margaret asked the board members if the library board wanted to buy a table or if everyone wanted to purchase individual tickets for this year's annual luncheon. In the past, board members purchased a table together, however some board members purchased a table by themselves.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Community Relations

Mark McGee shared there will be a column in the Post today regarding recent and upcoming events at the library.

Property Committee

Petty is trying to contact the company that made the digital sign that was donated to SBCPL from Franklin County Public Library. She is also seeking information on how much it would be to have it installed.

Jeff Sweeney was in attendance to give us an update on the patio addition. The survey will begin next week. The environmental review came back with no issues. KSA will have the preliminary budget ready by the October board meeting. Sweeney shared that construction should start by March 1st with hopes the project will be completed by the end of June.

Librarian's Report

Linda Lamb is officially part-time. She has (+/-) 320 sick hours that has not been used. The discussion of her losing those or being able to use them came up. Margaret asked if there was a way she could be compensated for those. She suggested if they could be used as sick leave in the sense of, Lamb would work 20 hours, and 8 hours of sick leave be tagged on each week until the time is used completely. Another suggestion, if those hours could be split over a year on her paycheck.

There were concerns that if we did something like this for one person, we would have to do it for another. Thus, there would be a policy change.

Bonne Belden suggested having Linda come and talk with the board to give her say on what she would like.

Sergio Perez reached out to Margaret Petty and asked if a group he is affiliated with could do a prayer vigil in one of the grassy areas around the library. Kate Huddleston brought up the question of whether the insurance extended to the parking lot/grassy area. Margaret advised that she would check on that before getting back to him. Perez asked if they could hold it on October 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary