

## **Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board March 25th, 2025**

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

### **Called to Order**

Ralph McBride called the meeting to order at 1:03pm with a quorum of nine (9) members.

### **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

No report.

### **Approval of Minutes**

John Boutwell made a motion to approve February's minutes. Mary Pitner 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**

Cindy Matthews gave reminders about the budget. She advised that SBCPL has roughly \$300 left to spend. The trustee certifications modules have been updated. Those new modules are now live. Matthews also pointed out that several training courses are available and encouraged registering!

### **Old Business**

The Meeting Room Policy was reviewed one last time and voted on. Margaret Petty wanted to make sure the \$150 deposit was acceptable. She voiced her concern that if it were any more than that, no one would ever reserve the meeting room.

Jennifer Templeton made a motion to amend the Meeting Room Policy.

### **New Business**

There have been concerns over the James Bomar statue not being displayed to the public. During those discussions, the idea of an inset being built into the wall during renovations has come up.

Along with him being displayed there, a ribbon would be added to show how he is tied to the book mobile. The Rotary Club advised they would cover the cost.

Mary Pitner made a motion that we work with the Rotary Club to locate a display for Bomar AND relocate the portrait of Argie Cooper to the lobby. Modified by Brent Pewitt to add the display is 100% the Rotary Club's expense.

With everyone being out sick over the course of several weeks, there has not been a chance to move books to their new area. Margaret Petty asked if the library could be closed the week after Easter (4/21 – 4/26) to get things in order. This will keep everything on schedule to be completed before summer reading starts. Brent Pewitt asked Cindy Matthews what other libraries have done in this situation. Matthews shared this is something that is common. Neighboring libraries have done the same in the past. Margaret stated that instead of books being moved from one end to the other, shelves will need to be shortened BEFORE books are reshelved.

Jennifer Templeton made a motion to close the library for one week.

### **Friends of the Library**

For this year's Library Luncheon, tickets will be \$20 – keeping it consistent. The date has been narrowed to either the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Proceeds from the event will be matched with the \$12,500 grant the library will receive.

Michelle Hasty made a motion for Margaret Petty to talk with First Bank about a building fund sub account.

### **Personnel Committee**

No report.

### **Community Relations**

No report.

### **Property Committee**

Over the course of the last two weeks, the security system company has called every night due to it going off. It was advised that our system is outdated. Mary Pitner asked if the upgrade could be included with the CCF grant. Petty said she will check since it has come up after October 2024. Having a security system is a requirement for insurance.

John Boutwell made a motion to authorize Margaret Petty to execute the Agreement (between SBCPL and B.H. Security, LCC) when the time arises.

Margaret continues to wait for a quote from Jeff Pitts. She suggested using the money from the Wine Walk (\$4,500) to pay for the closure.

Brent Pewitt authorized to proceed with the history room closure if the cost estimate does not exceed \$4,500. If it does, we will discuss it at the next board meeting.

### **Librarian's Report**

TVA will come and help unveil the lite brite on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary