Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board June 23rd, 2026

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

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

Standards Survey and Tech Grants are due soon. TN Secretary Of State, Tre Hargett donated two books to each library. *Senator Kenneth McKellar: Feudin' Son of Tennessee* by Ray Hill and *The Education of a Senator: From JFK to Trump* by Lamar Alexander. Kate sent over materials so the board can begin its search for the next director. She advised that we would need to appoint an interim director and a hiring committee.

Old Business

Ralph McBride highly recommended that we keep J's Professional Cleaning Services. He says she continues to provide consistency and professionalism. The contract is up for renewal and as of September 2026, the fee is increasing to $1,724. That is an additional $436 more than what we pay now. No additional services will be added.

Dr. Gerald Martin asked if J's Professional Cleaning Services would do our lawn care. Margaret Petty replied no and that Kingdom Lawn Care provides those services. Petty says she has asked the city/county if they would do it but for whatever reason, they've said no. She threw in the conversation that the library also pays for trash pickup. She stated that she has shared sentiments in the past that if we did not receive an increase in budget, that they could at least pick up the bill for lawn care and trash pickup. All board members agreed. The board will need to vote before September before signing the new contract.

New Business

Ralph McBride started the conversation with Shay Maupin remaining the Treasurer/Secretary. Mark McGee will remain overseeing committee relations. Dr. Gerald Martin will remain over the property committee. Jennifer Templeton will serve as President/Chair. We still need someone to serve as Co-Chair. After much discussion, Jennifer Templeton, Michelle Hasty, Mark McGee, Emilee' LeClear and the empty co-chair seat will all serve as the hiring committee. Margaret Petty suggested the committee visit and engage with the staff about the qualities they want in the new director. Templeton agreed that that was a great idea!

Betsy Noel made a motion to approve the new officer for this year's term. Bonne Belden seconded the motion.

Petty asked if we could close the library on Friday, July 3rd in support of July 4th (Saturday). Dr. Gerald Martin made a motion to approve. Betsy Noel seconded.

Friends of the Library

No report.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Community Relations

No report.

Property Committee

No report.

Librarian's Report

Margaret reiterated to the board that she is available after the "official date" if needed for help and support.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08PM.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary