

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – February 16, 2010

The Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees met on February 16, 2010 at the Union Library. John Barry presided at the meeting. Those attending the meeting were JoAnn Schweissguth, Diann Wacker, Karen Holtmeyer, Joy Dufrain, Christine Schmidt, Kathi Ham, Susan Richardson, Carol Bell, Carla Robertson, Bob Niebruegge, Dan Wilson, Vivienne Beckett and Ken Rohrbach. Jim Verhulst, John Cheatham and Jim Davis and were absent.

Carla Robertson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting. JoAnn Schweissguth seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The Financial Report was reviewed. Ken Rohrbach noted the following: the receipt of surtax in Warren County of \$10,237.52, insurance payment for damage to the library van, existing balances in the county library accounts and the fact that expenses in January were large due to several once a year payments. Bob Niebruegge asked if it would be possible to add a column to the budget page to reflect the percent spent in each category. This will be pursued. Expense items highlighted were legal fees to Blitz, Bardgett, & Deutsch and several grant expenses. ***Christine Schmidt made the motion to approve the Financial Report and transfer of funds. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Financial Report & Transfer of Funds

Dan Wilson, Joy Dufrain, and Christine Schmidt reported on the 2010 Library Legislative Day. Overall, the legislators contacted were supportive of libraries, but are operating within the confines of a much smaller state budget. Scenic's delegation stressed the value of MOREnet and the need to not adopt further cuts. Ken Rohrbach also outlined the recent amendment Sen. Griesheimer added to SB580 which added a provision of a library district at least partially within Franklin, Warren, Gasconade or Butler counties to seek a vote on a one half cent sales tax.

Reports

Joy Dufrain had a positive report on a recent Missouri Library Association planning session and retreat. The organization is taking steps to correct past issues and move forward. The final hearing on the Franklin County Library District lawsuit is scheduled for Feb. 25th. The cooperative service project with the Washington Public Library went totally live on Feb. 16th. As expected several glitches needed to be resolved. Progress on the Gates and Website grants was outlined. Vivienne Beckett presented a sample of the New Patron Packets that will be distributed.

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An analysis of funds available for the 2010 budget was presented. Current funds available and projected revenue through November were outlined. Ken Rohrbach cautioned that the state’s financial situation may impact funds normally received through state aid. Revisions to the projected 2010 income were also presented. Changes are being necessitated due to the receipt of Athletes & Entertainers Tax funds and also the impact of the settlement of the Franklin County Library District tax levy lawsuit. Tax income from Franklin County will be reduced by a \$297,288 credit adjustment. Funds to replace this loss will be taken from existing county fund balances and reflected as funds forward. Also, \$260,659 will be incorporated into the budget to reflect the payment of class counsel legal fees and also for the legal ads required by the lawsuit. The addition of these funds to the budget will skew expenses for 2010. It has been recommended that costs associated with the lawsuit be reflected under the contingency section of the budget. This will assist in monitoring conventional budget expenses. ***Bob Niebruegge made a motion to approve the revisions to income for the 2010 budget. Karen Holtmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Funds Analysis
and Revisions to
2010 Income

In light of the positive report given by Joy Dufrain on the Missouri Library Association, the issue of Scenic Regional Library’s institutional membership was raised for consideration. ***Joy Dufrain made a motion to have Scenic Regional Library join the Missouri Library Association as an institutional member. Christine Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

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There being no further business, John Barry adjourned the meeting.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees

Date: _____