

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – January 27, 2009

The Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees met on January 27, 2009 at the Union Library. Jim Davis presided at the meeting, with Ken Rohrbach present. Due to an ongoing snow storm the following members attended the meeting by telephone: Christine Schmidt, Joy Dufrain, John Barry, and Jim Verhulst. Peggy Hammer, Dan Wilson, Diann Wacker, Susan Richardson, John Cheatham, Carol Bell, Carla Robertson, Karen Holtmeyer and JoAnn Schweissguth were absent.

Christine Schmidt made the motion to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting as mailed. Jim Verhulst seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The Financial Report was reviewed. Ken Rohrbach explained the balances in several budget categories and noted that \$250,000 had been transferred to D/I accounts and this was not reflected on the budget page. The bills contained several once a year expenses, including standing order plans, the subscription agency bill for periodicals, payments to the Washington and Sullivan Libraries for reciprocal lending reimbursements and dues for several chambers of commerce. ***Joy Dufrain made the motion to approve the Financial Report and transfer of funds. John Barry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Financial Report- Approval of Financial Report & Transfer of Funds

Ken Rohrbach reported that nothing had been heard concerning the Franklin County Library District Levy lawsuit. He also stated the Warrenton parking lot plans were approved by the Warrenton Planning Zoning Commission on Jan. 15th and by the City Council on Jan. 20th. The next step is to obtain an easement from the adjoining property owner for a drainage pipe. Library Advocacy Day will be February 10th – 11th in Jefferson City. Christine Schmidt, Joy Dufrain, Dan Wilson, Vivienne Beckett, and Ken Rohrbach will attend. A recent ruling by the Consumer Product Safety Commission concerning testing children's books for lead content and its impact on libraries was noted. The Review of 2008 was briefly highlighted as was the new availability of downloadable books for iPods. The listing of recent and upcoming library events was reviewed.

Reports

A proposal from Mark Zobrist for lease terms for a potential library rental site in New Haven was presented. Comparisons with existing rented library facilities as well as potential Wright City sites were shown. After discussion it was the consensus of the board that, given the uncertainty of certain areas of the library's funding and the rents of existing facilities, the library will not be moving forward with this project at this time.

New Haven Potential Site

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Nell Redhage is continuing to work on the grant to fund the migration of the Washington Public Library catalog to the LISTEN system and integration with the Scenic Regional catalog. The question has been raised concerning the fate of the project if the grant is not obtained. Additional funding would be necessary from the local level. The working total for the grant is currently \$49,024, and the final will likely be higher. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board that, depending on the final total amount, Scenic would consider funding 50% of the cost.

**Cooperative
Efforts with
Washington**

Ken Rohrbach recommended that the library not renew its institutional membership in the Missouri Library Association until some of the issues concerning that organization's structure are resolved. The board concurred with this recommendation.

**MLA
Institutional
Membership**

As was noted in the Librarian's Report, due to an error in an Excel spreadsheet, the \$26,000 budgeted under "Capital Expenses – Automotive" was not included in the 2009 budget total. It was recommended that this item be deleted from the budget. If necessary, funds to replace a vehicle could be taken from the Automotive Reserve.

**Revise 2009
Budget**

Joy Dufrain made a motion to revise the 2009 budget by deleting \$26,000 from "Capital Expense – Automotive". Christine Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

As previously reported, some water pipes froze and burst on December 26th in the auto parts store at Union. This facility is currently used for storage. The local Rainbow agency was called in to perform the clean-up. There was an estimated \$29,064.98 worth of damage to the building. A check for \$21,738.78 for actual cash value of damage has been received but to obtain the replacement cash value check of \$7,341.20, the complete the rehab would need to be completed in six months. The remodeling plans that Washington Engineering completed would totally redesign the plumbing in the building and would not utilize the existing lines. Other uses would also call for redesign. Joy Dufrain asked if a cost for remodeling the facility had been obtained from Washington Engineering. Ken Rohrbach stated that the project had been halted before estimates were made. ***Christine Schmidt made a motion to obtain an estimate on the cost of remodeling the building for a meeting room facility as per the specifications from Washington Engineering. John Barry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously***

**Damage to Auto
Parts Store**

**Remodeling
Cost Estimates**

John Barry made a motion to re-invest the Gift & Endowment CD of \$18,973.50 which matured on January 20, 2009 at the best and highest rate. Joy Dufrain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reinvest G&E
CD**

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A former employee, Becky Hoch, has submitted a proposal for organizing booksale books and selling those which have a value greater than that normally obtained in the booksale. She would sort the donated and discarded books once a week and identify those which might have potential value. Mrs. Hoch would handle researching, shipping, etc. The library would split the profit with Mrs. Hoch on a 50-50 basis. The board asked what the source of items was for the booksale and Ken Rohrbach said that it is primarily donations, but also with some books that are withdrawn from the library's collection due to age or condition. Another item of concern was the amount of time that the library staff can devote to the booksale venture.

**Booksale
Proposal**

Christine Schmidt made a motion to give this proposal a trial through one booksale cycle. Joy Dufraim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Verhulst made the motion to adjourn. Christine Schmidt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned

 Secretary

Approved: _____
 President, Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees

Date _____