

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – November 16, 2010

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

Dan Wilson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous board meeting. Hearing none he stated that the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting would stand approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The Financial Report was reviewed. Ken Rohrbach noted the following: State Aid receipts, fall book sale revenue, renewal of the Novelist and HeritageQuest databases, final 2010 postage payment, and MLA conference expenses. Due to the accumulation of funds in the operating checking account, \$46,283.73 of that amount will be applied toward the November payables. *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 & Transfer of Funds

Ken Rohrbach presented information on the following: 2010 Gasconade County Equalization fund expenditures especially the inventory system that has been developed for the LISTEN system and the hardware to support it; 2010 book sale revenue which has totaled \$12,204.99; and the 2011 Library Advocacy Day. Information obtained at the MLA conference on “Energizing Your Library Board” was briefly reviewed. Vivienne Beckett highlighted library events. The successes of the Battle of the Branches Trivia Night and the Family Reading Night were of particular interest. Ken Rohrbach outlined the library’s interest in the upcoming Library Automation Summit at the State Library.

Reports

The results of Charles Gillick’s appraisal of the existing St. Clair Library were reported. Mr. Gillick has appraised the building at \$168,000. Washington Engineering has not yet provided a remodeling estimate. Preliminary sketches have been made and are being revised. The economic feasibility of the project still needs to be determined. If favorable information is obtained, a committee from the Franklin County Board may meet with Mr. Butler to keep the process moving.

Potential St. Clair Library Facility

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A complete preliminary draft of the 2011 budget was distributed. Ken Rohrbach detailed the difficulty of determining next year’s assessed valuations and explained the methodology used to arrive at the budgeted estimates. The remaining sources of revenue were reviewed and discussed. Projected expenditures for 2011 were explained on a line by line basis. Under the Materials Section, the establishment of an Electronic Materials category was highlighted. Expenditures from the past two years for these types of materials were broken out. Several of the budgeted amounts in the Operations Section have remained the same, based on actual 2009 expenses and 2010 expenses to date. The Personnel Section included a proposed flat \$500 increase for full time employees and a 1% increase for most part time employees. Bob Niebruegge noted a discrepancy with the director’s salary not reflecting the increase. In some instances part time pay was held at the 2010 level to even out some discrepancies. Proposed expenditures in the Capital Expense category were detailed. The budget total was \$2,110,093. ***Bob Niebruegge made a motion to approve the proposed salary increases as corrected. John Barry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Preliminary
2011 Budget
Income and
Expenses

Approval of
2011 Salaries

Sho-Me Technologies has approached Scenic about having the libraries in Owensville, Hermann, and New Haven to serve as Community Anchor Institutions for the Missouri broadband initiative. This would involve building fiber optic into these libraries and to serve as a distribution point. There is no cost to Scenic. Sho-Me will be making site visits to determine if these libraries can house the equipment. It was noted that MOREnet is very interested in getting fiber in any area it serves so that connectivity costs could possibly be lower in the future. It was the consensus of the board to participate in this initiative if possible.

Sho-Me
Technologies
Network
Participation

Carol Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Cheatham seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees

Date: _____