

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – April 20, 2010

The Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees met on April 20, 2010 at the Union Library. John Barry presided at the meeting. Those attending the meeting were JoAnn Schweissguth, Diann Wacker, Joy Dufrain, Christine Schmidt, Kathi Ham, Carol Bell, Carla Robertson, Dan Wilson, Jim Davis, John Cheatham, Bob Niebruegge, Susan Richardson Vivienne Beckett and Ken Rohrbach. Jim Verhulst and Karen Holtmeyer were absent.

Jim Davis made the motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting. Dan Wilson 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 Gasconade County of \$2,410.55, first website grant payment of \$2,707, and a refund from Morningstar. It was also noted that the Automation Reserve CD matures on the day before the May board meeting, so its reinvestment will be discussed at that meeting. Expense items highlighted were yearly fees for book leasing plans for all locations, the second payment to the periodical subscription agency and legal fees. ***John Cheatham made the motion to approve the Financial Report and transfer of funds. Diann Wacker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*** John Cheatham suggested that a news release should be written on the value of the Vossbrink bequest to the library system.

Financial Report & Transfer of Funds

Updates were given to bills in the Missouri Legislature involving library sales taxes, funding for state aid, labeling of materials for minors, and changes in defined benefit retirement systems. Implications of the recent tax levy issue in St. Joseph were also discussed. Ken Rohrbach reported that the Warrenton Parking lot project is nearing completion. Results of the children's Winter Reading Program were presented. Various library events were reviewed and the upcoming author visit from Ridley Pearson was highlighted.

Reports

Ken Rohrbach reported that the full time staff had been surveyed to ascertain the level of interest in employee flexible spending accounts. Eight eligible employees indicated an interest. It is projected that the annual cost of this plan would be \$753.60 over the library's current plan. Savings on the library's portion of FICA would reduce this amount. ***Christine Schmidt made the motion to approve the library's participation in the employee flexible spending account program offered by TASC (Total Administrative Services Corporation). Bob Niebruegge seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Employee Flexible Spending Accounts

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As directed by the board, Ken Rohrbach contacted Sean Barton, head of the ECC graphic design department. A deadline of May 15th was given for interested students or former students to submit designs. Neil Krueel was also contacted concerning copyright issues with logo redesign. He also submitted a bid of \$1,650 to do a complete custom design. This would include consultation with staff, three revisions and a final CD with all files, colors, and specification for use.

Logo Redesign

Details on the proposed \$19,000,000 in Chapter 100 bonds in Pacific to finance the cost of an industrial development project for Plaze, Inc. were presented. There would be \$7,072,037 for the acquisition, construction, and installation of project improvements, and \$10,446,217 for acquisition and installation of project equipment. Revenue generated by the Payments In Lieu of Taxes over the 20 year life of the bonds is \$32,364.35. This is 50% of the total tax amount. Ken Rohrbach reported that, after a quick survey of the board, a letter was sent on April 14th to Harold Selby, Pacific City Administrator, expressing the concerns of the library district. Specifically, the library district receives 88% of its revenue from local property taxes and any negative impact on this source is cause for concern. Further, the ability of one political entity to unilaterally reduce the income of another political entity remains a problem in any tax abatement situation. Also highlighted was the Franklin County Library District’s loss of revenue due to the ruling by the Missouri Eastern District Court of Appeals. It was the consensus of the board that in the future, if the time frame does not permit discussion of a tax abatement proposal at a board meeting, the library director should respond with a letter outlining the established position the library boards have taken on these types of proposals.

Pacific Chapter
100 Bonds

State Aid Trustee Listing forms were signed by the respective county board presidents, the regional board president, and the library director.

State Aid
Trustee Forms

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to hold the May 18, 2010 library board meeting at the Warrenton Library to view the parking lot improvements.

May Meeting at
Warrenton

John Cheatham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christine Schmidt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees

Date: _____