

Scenic Regional Library  
Board Minutes – August 17, 2010

The Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees met on August 17, 2010 at the Union Library following the public hearings on the individual county tax levy rates and the meetings of the Franklin County Library Board and the Warren County Library Board. Due the lack of a quorum, the Gasconade County Library Board meeting was rescheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Hermann Library. Dan Wilson presided at the meeting. Those attending the meeting were JoAnn Schweissguth, John Barry, Diann Wacker, Joy Dufraim, Christine Schmidt, John Cheatham, Carol Bell, Susan Richardson, Jim Davis, Carla Robertson, Karen Holtmeyer, Vivienne Beckett and Ken Rohrbach. Kathi Ham, Bob Niebruegge, and Louise Baker were 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 July 21, 2010 meeting would stand approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Financial Report was reviewed. An updated page 8 of the board report was distributed. Ken Rohrbach noted the following: receipt of the second payment of the website grant from Missouri State Library, payment for a damaged interlibrary loan book, expenditures for the Reference USA database, payment to cover expenses for the Missouri Library Association conference, and final costs for the Warrenton parking lot expansion project. *Christine Schmidt made the motion to approve the Financial Report and transfer of funds. Carol Bell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Financial Report & Transfer of Funds**

Ken Rohrbach reported briefly on the success of the summer reading program. Completion rates were up at all locations. Christy Schink will prepare an in-depth report for September. A meeting with Missouri Consolidated Health Care will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Information from this meeting and also from the Hovis Agency will be compiled and sent to the board. The city of Washington is proposing to issue \$17,500,000 in Chapter 100 bonds for an industrial development project for Tech Aerospace Group. The bonds are for 10 years and Payments in Lieu of Taxes will generate \$10,877 or 50% of the total tax amount. Since the hearing was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, Ken Rohrbach sent a letter expressing the library's standard concerns with this type of project. A sheet showing Scenic Regional Library's rankings with other libraries in the state was distributed. Vivienne Beckett reported on library events. She highlighted the End of Summer Local Author Event and also the upcoming Battle of the Branches Trivia Contest.

**Reports**

Updated assessed valuation figures from all counties were distributed. The differences between actual increases and the projections used for budgeting were explained. The lower than projected increases have resulted in a reduction of tax revenue by \$22,579 in Franklin County, \$167 in Gasconade County, and \$11,996 in Warren County. It was noted that final figures from Franklin County have not been received and that changes are likely.

**2010 Assessed Valuations**

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Ken Rohrbach reported that the old post office building in St. Clair is available for lease or purchase. This facility would provide more public service space than the current St. Clair location. The library staff has been concerned over space issues in St. Clair, as well as at Owensville and New Haven for quite some time. A handout entitled Branch Library Facilities – Public Service Space Needs – 2010 was distributed. Comparisons were made between current spaces available to ALA standards using three different populations: school district, zip code, and town. A sheet outlining information on the post office building, costs of the current St. Clair facility, projected costs, and funding options was distributed. ***John Cheatham made a motion to proceed with investigating the feasibility of the old St. Clair post office as a site for the St. Clair Library. John Barry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

**Potential St. Clair Library Facility**

It was the consensus of the board that the September board meeting should be held at the St. Clair Library.

**September Board Meeting Location**

A proposal to paint a mural on the old auto parts building in Union was presented. The current plan calls for the wording “Scenic Regional Library” to be painted on the building in a whimsical fashion. The consensus of the board was that this particular mural might not be the most appropriate. Ken Rohrbach stated that the artist is open to change as far as the design. Concerns were also raised over liability issues and also the need for an exact drawing of future proposals. ***Diann Wacker made a motion to table the issue until additional information is obtained. John Barry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

**Mural Proposal**

Christine Schmidt asked about the status of the logo design. Ken Rohrbach stated that the staff had been working through the design process with Neil Kruel and felt that a finished product was near. A sample of the logo was distributed. Several board members offered critiques and suggestions for changes.

**Logo Comments**

***Jim Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diann Wacker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.***

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Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Scenic Regional Library Boards of Trustees

Date: \_\_\_\_\_