

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – September 16, 2014

Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees met at the Warrenton Branch on September 16, 2014, at 7:00 pm. Paula Sutton presided at the meeting. Those attending the meeting were Diann Wacker, Louise Baker, Kathleen Ham, Carol Leech, Carol Bell, John Cheatham, Joy Dufraim Karen Holtmeyer, Susan Richardson, Carla Robertson, and Bob Niebruegge. Absent were John Barry, and Jim Davis. Steven Campbell, Library Director, and Jamie Summers, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

There were no public comments.

Susan Richardson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting. Louise Baker seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 11/0.

The Financial Report was reviewed. *Karen Holtmeyer made the motion to approve the Financial Report and the transfer of funds. Joy Dufraim seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 11/0.*

Steven Campbell provided an update to the Board for the renovation process of the administration building.

The Foundation Board is requiring the reappointment of two of its members and replacement of one member after completion of the initial one year term. John Deutch, Warren County, and Chris Stuckenschneider, Franklin County, would like to be reappointed for a three year term. Linda Miskel, Gasconade County, is stepping down from the Board. Kathy Baumstark, secretary, has a recommendation for the Board; Kate Radke, Gasconade County, might be interested in serving but would like to attend a meeting before committing.

Carla Robertson entered the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Susan Richardson asked if the Board could reappoint the two current members as well as appoint Kate Radke, if she desires the position. *Louise Baker made the motion to reappoint John Deutch and Chris Stuckenschneider to three year terms and appoint Kate Radke to the Library Foundation Board for a three year term. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 12/0.*

Steve Campbell, Paula Sutton, Susan Richardson, and Carol Bell attended the Washington Library's August Board meeting. Washington wants to use the promised increased funds from Scenic for not only new materials but also to cover the cost of their MoreNet bill, as well as provide programming and outreach, like Scenic. The Washington Board requests that the agreement be amended to double the amount currently paid per item, increasing the amount from \$0.35 to \$0.70 per item. *John Cheatham made the motion to approve the new Cooperative Service Agreement with Washington Public Library. Bob Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 12/0.*

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes

Financial Report & Transfer of Funds

Librarians Reports

Library Foundation Board Reappointments

Cooperative Service Agreement with Washington Public Library

Steven Campbell provided the Board with information concerning pros and cons of consolidation. John Cheatham had suggested creating a resolution to use funds received from the Augusta Louise Smith estate to be used in Warren County to avoid any legal issues that could arise with consolidation; Steve also spoke to the Library's attorney about this issue, who agreed this resolution could help avoid any legal backlash. As Scenic Regional Library currently stands, the district cannot own property or obtain bonds; this would be done at the individual county level. Consolidation would allow the Library the option of receiving a Certificate of Participation Bond and only acquiring one set of legal fees. Tim Otten spoke to the newspapers about library consolidation, saying it would be bad for Franklin County taxpayers, but the newspapers published a positive article. Comments have been made by the public in support of consolidation.

Consolidation

Steven Campbell provided information to the Board about the option of Certificate of Participation Bonds for the branch building projects. The interest rates are very low. A UMB Bank representative suggests getting as much money as possible up front to only incur one set of legal fees, allowing the excess to be invested to pay the minimal interest. The representative is willing to present additional information to the Board this fall if interested. John Cheatham mentioned that the St. Clair School District had obtained this type of bond through LJ Hart in St. Louis. Carol Bell and Karen Holtmeyer agree that a representative does not need to present information until consolidation is approved and Scenic Regional Library is eligible for the bond.

Certificate of Participation Bonds

The Director informed the Board that the closing date for the Assistant Director and Business Manager positions is September 26, 2014. Christy Schink completed research with the Youth Services staff and communities for the additional hours that would be required to offer double the children's outreach and programming currently offered. The staff breakdown that was provided to the Board includes existing part-time staff that is wanting additional hours as well as new part-time staff to cover the extended service hours where needed. The proposed personnel budget is only 53% of the total budget in 2015 (excluding positions that will remain unfilled). *John Cheatham made the motion to approve the personnel budget for 2015. Susan Richardson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. The motion carried 12/0.*

2015 Personnel Budget

Bob Niebruegge made the motion to move into Executive Session. Joy Dufrain seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: John Cheatham—Aye, Kathleen Hamm—Aye, Carol Leech—Aye, Louise Baker—Aye, Diann Wacker—Aye, Carla Robertson—Aye, Susan Richardson—Aye, Karen Holtmeyer—Aye, Carol Bell—Aye, Bob Niebruegge—Aye, Joy Dufrain—Aye and Paula Sutton—Aye. The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session.

Steven Campbell asked the Board about meeting with the County Commissioners regarding the consolidation issue. Carla Robertson had previously mentioned it might be helpful for some Board members to meet with their local Commissioners. For all three counties, the County Commissioners meet during the day. Carla Robertson commented that many Board members might be able to mention consolidation if they see their Commissioner outside of their meetings or invite them out for coffee to inform them that the Library will be on their agenda seeking approval for consolidation. Bob Niebruegge pointed out that the Scenic Regional Library Board is approved and appointed by the County Commissioners, so hopefully they would support the Library and that the Board is looking out for the best interest of the communities.

There being no further business, Paula Sutton adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: _____