

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 20, 2023
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Vern Jorck, Stephen Shipley, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Angela Eck, Assistant Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike Mclver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Billie Whitted

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Jorck moved and Wilkerson seconded approval of the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 115 through 199 in the amount of \$608,276.86 were reviewed. Hatton made note of the following claims: Claim 129 to PBC Guru is for a Library Speakers Consortium. Claim 149 to AirCo is for the abatement portion of the flooring project. Claim 162 to Corrigan for moving services. Claim 174 to Kenny Glass to replace a broken window in the Children's Area. Claim 176 to Kramer Cabinets for shelves and the header above the new teen area. Claim 198 to Jack Laurie Group for materials for flooring project. Frazier moved and Shipley seconded approval to pay Claims 115 through 199 in the amount of \$608,276.86. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

None.

Reports

A. Director's Report.

1. We have received one new material reconsideration request. The request was renewed and the item was retained as-is in the adult area.

2. Update on the progress on the flooring project.

3. Legislative update on SB12.

4. Diversity Collection Audit from Baker & Taylor. Hatton presented a PowerPoint overview and provided handouts with material for Board members.

5. Teen survey comments. Hatton presented a categorization staff put together of the comments received on the teen survey.

6. Strategic Planning update. Community Stakeholders lunch on February 28. Hatton reported that Margaret Sullivan plans to attend the May Board meeting for additional updates.

7. Exhibit Columbus. Hatton showed the concept for the Exhibit Columbus installation by Tatiana Bilbao Studios that will be on the plaza this fall.

B. Childrens Services. Children’s Librarian Lindsey Bailey. Bailey reported on the many programs offered in the Children’s area. She said the newest Travelling storywalk will be installed this spring to run through September. She also discussed the program “1000 books before kindergarten” which the library is implementing under the program name Growing Readers. When readers complete the program, they will receive a free book from Viewpoint Books. Three children have already completed the program with 46 still in progress.

Bailey reported on a Grant for \$52,000 awarded by the Heritage Fund in a collaboration with Viewpoint and local pediatricians. Families will receive free books at their well-visit appointments. She said it is reaching families where they are. The program promotes early literacy and caregiver interaction. Families will receive books, literacy tips, information on BCPL programs and other resources.

Bailey reported that story times continue to grow in attendance, with some reaching 50 attendees. She said that the Pokémon club is bringing in between 40 and 60 people each month. She said we are working on other collaborations with community partners including IUPUC, on Earth day, bilingual story times, e-resources and video content. She said we are working to maximize our reach into the community with a world language collection, alternate locations and programming outside the library.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None.

New Business

Hatton offered to conduct a brief tour of the building to view the flooring progress. He also reminded the Board of the April 10 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President