

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18, 2024
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Vern Jorck, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Stephen Shipley, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Joe Joyner, HR; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Doup-Pandit moved and Jorck seconded approval of the February 19, 2024 minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 141 through 223 in the amount of \$435,758.06 were reviewed. Hatton made note of the following claims: Claim 173 to Beotis is for Author Nate Marshall events. Claim 186 to Insane Impact for Eclipse programming. Claim 194 to MicDrop for Eclipse programming. Claim 212 UVI for appraisal work. Claim 214 to S&W for graffiti removal. Claim 217 to Dasher Printing for library cards. Jorck moved and Wilkerson seconded approval to pay Claims 141 through 223 in the amount of \$435,758.06. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Acceptance of former North Christian Church. Hatton encouraged the Board to discuss everything they felt relevant to the decision whether to accept the former North Christian Church and property. The Board talked about many aspects, pros and cons of accepting the property. After much discussion, members of the Board suggested tabling a vote until the April meeting. Wilkerson moved and Frazier seconded a Motion to table the vote on acceptance of the former North Christian Church until the April 15, 2024 meeting. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Director's Report. Hatton presented a compilation of the 2023 statistics on circulation and programs. North Christian Church. Overall, use of physical items is down and use electronic and digital items have increased. He said this has been a trend and it continues. He

added that the flooring project may have affected those numbers. He reported that the door count has increased over last year, but still has not reached per-Covid numbers.

Hatton reminded the Board of some upcoming programs and events at BCPL.

- Our Friends' group is putting on a fundraising event – “Library After Dark” – a 20s themed event with food, silent movies, trivia, a silent auction and more. The event will be on March 23 at the library.
- Solar Spectacular – all buildings will be closed. Staff will be working at both locations, providing information and offering crafts, passing out eclipse glasses while supplies last, etc.
- The dedication of the Steve Suckow Atrium was held on February 24. There was a good crowd. A temporary plaque was in place with the permanent plaque to be installed at a later date.
- The library is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. We are kicking off with a bookmark design opportunity for patrons. Other events are being planned and Hatton will continue to update the board as those are scheduled.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

A representative of the Friends group encouraged all to attend the fundraiser. She said the proceeds will help to fund Summer reading and the Summer Concert series among other events.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board members of the next meeting on April 15.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President