

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Anderson Community Center (421 McClure Road)
July 15, 2024 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, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Susan Finkle-Scott, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney. Tyler Munn, Collection and Discovery Services Coordinator; Valerie Baute, Outreach Manager; Sandy Allman, BCPL Express Coordinator.

Present via Zoom: Vern Jorck

Absent: None

Announcements

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 17, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Wilkerson moved and Doup-Pandit seconded approval of the June 17, 2024 minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 493 through 562 in the amount of \$513,088.31 were reviewed. Hatton made note of some claims. Claim 510 to RJE Business Interiors for the Teen area which is coming out of the Heritage Fund grant. Claim 538 to OCLC for online cataloging for a year subscription. Claim 554 to Frank's Tree Care for work at 850 Tipton. When we receive the funds from 850 Tipton LLC, the operating fund will be reimbursed. Hack moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay Claims 493 through 562 in the amount of \$513,088.31. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Approval of Non-Resident Card Fee. Hatton advised that each year we must review our non-resident card fee, adopt an amount that is equal to or more than our operating expenditure per capita for Bartholomew County residents, and report this to the Indiana State Library. Hatton explained that the library is required by standards to offer this card, however, there are better options due to the reciprocal borrowing agreements among the majority of public library districts in the state and the availability of the Public Library Access Card (PLAC). He reported that the expenditures per capita were \$65.36 during 2023, up from previous years. He recommended setting the cost at \$70.00. He said that anyone requesting this card must live in the State of Indiana. Munn gave a brief update on the new Verify program we have utilized to remove non-Indiana residents from the digital cardholder list. He said use by these cardholders is costing the library thousands of dollars in purchase and use fees. An email notice was sent to the cardholders that they will no longer have access. Doup-Pandit moved

and Frazier seconded that we set the fee for a Non-Resident card at \$70.00. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Anderson Community Center Discussion. Tom Dell and Beth Turner of the Anderson Community Center were present and gave a report on the current status and future of the Center. Baute and Allman reported on the potential uses as a BCPL branch. They discussed programming possibilities such as cooking instruction and homework help. They reported that the BCPL Express already makes visits in the area. Hatton said that ideally, the Express would be based at this location and that we could be a consistent presence in the area. Hack asked if there would be a collection housed at this location. Hatton said there would be some collection, but also a pick-up location for holds and a drop-off location as well.

B. Director's Report.

- 850 Tipton. Hatton reported that we have obtained insurance coverage for the property, Closing on the transfer is tentatively set for July 17, 2024. Once we have possession, we will start the process of transferring utilities, etc. to the library. Hatton said we will be starting the cross removal process soon. The cross belongs to the congregation and will be relocated to a camp in the Bedford IN area. Hack asked about other Christian symbols in the building. Hatton said they are being evaluated. Some items may stay to honor the architecture while still remaining a public space.
- Integrated Library System. Hatton reports that the Innovative system we have previewed is a better value for a better product. He said there will be further discussion moving forward.
- Growth Quotient. Hatton reported that the Growth Quotient is 4% for 2025.
- Summer Reading. Hatton reported that over 3000 patrons enrolled in the Summer Reading program with over 2100 active readers. He said over 3700 rewards have been claimed.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board of the next meeting on August 19, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President