

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12, 2021
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

By order and permission of the Governor, the meeting was held by virtual attendance (Zoom). The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Gron.

Present via Zoom: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Vern Jorck, Stephen Shipley, Billie Whitted, Angie Wieneke, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Angela Eck, Assistant Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator; Christina Kelley, Teen Librarian. Mike McIver, Attorney. Laura Hack, guest.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. Jorck moved and Wilkerson seconded approval of the March 8, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 172 through 256 in the amount of \$417,609.86 were reviewed. Hatton made note of the following claims: Claim 209 to Communico is for services regarding our website, app, etc. Claim 215 to Envisionary is for video series *It Began with Bartholomew*. Gron asked about the invitation to view the film at Yes! Cinema. Jorck asked if the film belongs to the library. Hatton answered that due to seating restrictions, the invitation is only for Board Members and in response to Jorck, said that the library owns the copyright and the film will eventually be available for viewing on the library website and social media pages. Claim 240 to SirsiDynix is for the annual renewal for software that services our collection, patron services, programming, etc. Claim 242 to Stratosphere is for our monthly IT services and for two new Macs in Digital Underground. Claim 243 to Swank is for our licensing that allows us to show movies at the library. Gron asked about Claim 256. Hatton answered that it is for Adobe licensing for the Digital Underground and for our in-house graphic designing. Jorck moved and Whitted seconded approval to pay Claims 172 through 256 in the amount of \$417,609.86. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Jorck asked about the quarterly financial statement and Hatton answered that we had just received the bank statement and that the report would be emailed to them on Tuesday.

Action Items

A. Child Safety and Protection Policy/Performer Contract. Hatton presented a draft of the policy and contract which had been previously emailed to all Board members. Gron asked about the indemnity clause in the contract and whether it should be rewritten to favor us more. McIver said that was a good suggestion and said that he will provide language for that edit.

McIver asked if there was a planned rollout to staff regarding the updated policy. Hatton answered that he had discussed the policy with Lindsey Bailey, the Children’s Services Manager and Christina Kelley, Teen Services Manager. He said that staff members had received copies of all the policy drafts up to and including the current draft. He said there are plans for training or a video for implementation. Frazier said she liked the language in both documents and thought it was very respectful and inclusive. Wilkerson moved and Frazier seconded approval to adopt both the Policy and the Contract as amended. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. Teen Services Manager – Christina Kelley. Kelley reported on what is happening in Teen Services. She said staff has a good rapport with the teens. During the pandemic and shutdown, they sent letters to the teens who had frequently made use of the teen space. She said Dakota Hall started a BCPL Discord space for the teens. She said Discord is a platform used as a community space for chatting, discussions, gaming, etc. It is by invite only so staff can monitor the space. She said we started using Discord in April of 2020 and we now have over 70 users. She said it is used all of the time. Staff can have conversations with the teens and offer programs. Use has decreased somewhat since in-person school has resumed, but is still used frequently.

Kelley said that beginning in May, the Teen department would resume some in-person programming, with an emphasis on outside programming. She also said that Summer Reading is in the planning stages. Gron said the Discord server seemed like a good channel for communication with teens. Hatton said that Kelley refers to them as “her” teens and he is happy that we can reach them and make connections, and that we can be a safe place for teens.

Public Comment – 10 minutes

None.

New Business

Hatton said that he will be out of town on July 12 and suggested moving the July meeting to a different date/time. He suggested July 19 and said he would send out a Google document/survey to get everyone’s input on selecting a new date.

Jorck asked how patrons were responding to wearing masks and if staff or security were handling concerns. Hatton answered that Pat Bryant has been at the main desk, but that staff has been handling situations of patrons not wanting to comply. He said that those folks weren’t happy, but they complied. Gron asked if Hatton had heard back from the patron who complained about our mask policy. Hatton said that we have not heard back after we offered additional accommodations. He asked the Board for their thoughts on a mask policy going forward. Gron said he thought we should continue to follow the science and since the CDC is saying to keep wearing masks, that’s how we should go. Wilkerson agreed that we should continue to require masks. Hatton said he had hoped that Bartholomew County would have maintained the mask requirements. Frazier asked if we could deviate from the Bartholomew Co. requirements. Hatton said as long as the Board is in agreement and comfortable with any

decision we make. He added that there had been concerns from the staff regarding enforcement if we made exceptions. He said that our patrons come from all over and we have no way of knowing their circumstances. We offer options through online and virtual offerings as well to try to accommodate.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Attested:

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Gary Gron, President