

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 13, 2021
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Gron.

Members Present: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Vern Jorck, Stephen Shipley, Billie Whitted, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator; Tyler Munn, Collection and Discovery Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney.

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 14, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. Whitted moved and Wilkerson seconded approval of the June 14, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 407 through 479 in the amount of \$316,598.68 were reviewed. Hatton reported that we had received our June disbursement property taxes. He made note of the following claims: Claim 434 to CinLee for janitorial services. This is a final payment to CinLee as we have engaged a new cleaning service. Claim 463 to Pro Quest is for Newspaper.com, used for genealogical research, paid for through the Rowell Memorial. Claim 468 to the US Treasury is our annual PCORI fee. Claim 479 to Vertical Landscaping is for tree-trimming service. Jorck moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay Claims 407 through 479 in the amount of \$316,598.68. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. None.

Reports

A. Tyler Munn – Collection and Discovery Coordinator. Munn presented an overview on the e-Resources available through BCPL. He discussed the procedure used by the committee to make the selections that we offer. He said that they are available through our website and through our app. He highlighted some differences between the two platforms; particularly how much more streamlined the process is

through the app. He mentioned the following resources: Overdrive, Hoopla, Ancestry.com, Gale Courses, which offers more than 400 subjects, Mango languages, RB Digital, Consumer Reports, Morningstar Investments and Tumblebooks, just to name a few. He discussed the issue of high cost and high use for the various resources. He said we purchase eBook titles from Overdrive in a similar fashion to purchasing hard copies of books. One difference is that since eBooks don't wear out, some publishers put a limit on number of circulations before we have to re-purchase a title. He said Hoopla uses a pay per use model. We initially set a limit of \$4,000 per month, but increased to \$8,000 per month when we were physically closed during the pandemic. We have since reduced the limit to our current \$6,000 per month. He said that audiobooks are more expensive than eBooks, so we try to balance our purchases between the two models. In the search feature of the BCPL catalog, it shows all platforms for titles, so patrons can choose which best suits their need.

Munn reported that the statistics are constantly increasing. In 2020, there was a big jump in usage due to COVID quarantining. He said that 2021 is on pace to decrease slightly because of reopening.

Wilkerson asked about the makeup of the Committee. Munn answered that there are seven staff members from different departments who discuss and make the final selections. Gron asked if Hoopla would satisfy all of the digital needs for patrons. Munn answered that we have co-mingled the different models to best suit the wide variety of patron and staff needs. Hatton added that we consider the best use and combination of resources. McIver asked if library associations do any lobbying and Hatton answered that the American Library Association (ALA) does lobby on behalf of libraries. They deal with not only the digital companies themselves, but also the publishing companies. Frazier asked if we order titles from Overdrive or through the publishers. Munn answered that we order from Overdrive, but our terms are based on limits set by the publisher. It's up to the collector to get the information about a particular title when we make the purchase.

Public Comment – 10 minutes

None.

New Business

Hatton reported that we received notice of the Maximum Growth Quotient for the 2022 budget, which is 4.3%. He added that we are in good shape going in to 2022.

Hatton mentioned that we normally hold our November meeting at the Hope Branch, which always seems to trigger snowfall in Bartholomew County. He asked for input on going there for the August meeting instead. Gron and Jorck both said they would need to appear via Zoom as they would both be out of town. All agreed to hold the August meeting at the Hope Branch. Hatton reminded them the meeting will be August 9 and that we would keep the normal start time of 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attested:

Billie Whitted, Secretary

Gary Gron, President