



Board of Trustees Meeting 25 February 2020 Minutes

Trustees Attending: Chair Susan Schneibel, Susan Williams, Cathy Hammon, Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela, Logan Hill, Andy Simon, Stephanie Thompson, Tom Stinnett

Staff Attending: K.C. Williams - BCPL Director, Kathy Harmon, Anjanae Brueland, Kathleen Christy,

Visitors: Dick Burgess - Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Liz Schreck - Ocoee River Regional Library

Guests: Lisa Misosky-Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Andrew Jones - The Daily Times

Call to Order: Chair Susan Schneibel called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 25 February 2020 at 5:33 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Hammon made a motion to approve the 21 January meeting minutes. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Dr. Susan Schneibel:

- Susan S. discussed the Maryville City Council Workshop she attended on Friday, 21 February. Susan shared the report she presented at the workshop and answered questions from the board.
- The Blount County Commission approved the Inter-Local Agreement at the 20 February commission meeting.
- The Maryville City Council will vote on the agreement at the 6 March council meeting.
- A discussion on the Evergreen Study was deferred to a future meeting.

Report of Blount County Public Library Director by K.C. Williams:

- The February 2020 Board Meeting Packet, which includes the Financial Report, the 2019-20 Library Use Statistics, and the 2020-2021 BCPL Proposed Budget was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.
- K.C. and Anjanae answered questions from the board regarding the Financial Report.
- K.C. and Ari Baker will be presenting on the OCLC Grant at the Public Library Association conference in Nashville on Thursday, 27 February.
- Logan Hill requested data on the number of library patrons in municipalities other than Maryville and Alcoa in the county.

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Report of Foundation Board, Angela Quick

- Angela Quick reported the Foundation board did not meet in February because the library was closed due to area flooding on 7 February.
- The Security Camera System proposal will come to the Foundation board at the 6 March meeting.

Report of Friends of the Library, Dick Burgess

- Dick Burgess mentioned the Little Free Library that was recently installed outside the library on the Greenbelt-side of the building has gotten a lot of positive feedback.
- The next book sale is scheduled for 5-7 March.
- Steve Ross and Dana Jester from the TV show “Joy of Painting” will offer art classes at the library Thursday, 5 March through Saturday, 7 March. They will give a seated lecture in the Main Gallery on Thursday evening at 6 pm.
- Additional speakers have been purchased for the Main Gallery sound system.
- The Friends board will consider a proposal to purchase an additional lapel microphone for the Main Gallery sound system.
- The Friends board wants to consider having an outdoor market for Artists and Crafters on the library grounds. A proposal will be presented to the Library Board of Trustees. Lisa Misosky answered questions from the board about the plans for the market.

Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck or representative

- The READS FY 2019-20 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck distributed the Ocoee River Regional Library February 2020 Report.
- Liz mentioned Blount County Public Library is second in the state in READS circulation.
- Liz discussed the upcoming training opportunities.
- The 2020 TLA Conference will be in Knoxville 31 March - 2 April 2020.
- The 2020 Census will be available online. Public libraries will play an important role in providing computers and internet access to the public.

Old Business

- K.C. reported she is still working on the Strategic Directions 2020-2022 and has nothing to present tonight.

New Business

- K.C. discussed the proposed budget for 2020-2021 and answered questions from the board.

Logan Hill made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Funding Requests:

- K.C. presented the following Friends request:
 - LED Lighting Retrofit Project - \$55,450.00.

K.C. discussed the request and answered questions by the board.

Cathy Hammon made a motion to pursue the project with the Friends, looking at several contractors, coming back to the Board of Trustees for final approval. Andy Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- K.C. presented the following Foundation funding requests:
 - There were no Foundation funding requests for February 2020.

Important Dates

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting - 19 March 2020, 7:00 pm – BC Courthouse
Blount County Friends of the Library – 24 March 2020, 4:00 pm – KP Boardroom
Foundation for the Blount County Library - 6 March 2020, 8:00 am - KP Boardroom
Maryville City Council - 3 March 2020, 7:00 pm - Maryville Municipal Building
Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 10 March 2020, 7:00 pm - Alcoa Municipal Building

Next Library Board Meeting – 17 March 2020, 5:30 pm - Kathy Pagles Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Harmon