

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana
February 7th, 2012

MINUTES

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Sarah J. Hicks, Secretary
Van Phillips, Treasurer
Mida Grover, Vice President
Lora Goonewardene, Member
Brandon Hawkins, President

ABSENT:

Dinah McClure

GUESTS

Larry French, Friends President
Harry Mohler, Local Architect
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian
Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian

President Brandon Hawkins chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:31 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Board Vice President Mida Grover led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary Sarah Hicks moved that the **Board Minutes** of January 3rd, 2012 be approved as presented. Board member Lora Goonewardene provided a second and the motion passed.

Under the heading of the **County Librarian's Report**, Mr. Holman highlighted a few items for Board attention. Mr. Holman pointed out an article written by Head Technology Librarian, Neal Starkey, was printed in the January/February 2012 issue of American Libraries, a magazine of the American Library Association. The topic of the article was copyright law reform. Also, Mr. Holman shared that TCPL had two very successful programs in early January. The Klondike branch held a "Happy Noon Year" celebration with almost 80 people attending the program. The downtown library hosted an "I have an E-Reader" program with 185 people in attendance. Reference Librarian Mandie Roberts presented the program and reported that attendees were very positive and grateful in their written and

verbal comments. This same e-reader program will be repeated at our Klondike branch on March 20th at 4p.m. Mr. Holman reported that the 2012 One Great Read (OGR) committee's recommendation was approved by TCPL's management team. God Bless you, Mr. Rosewater by Indiana author Kurt Vonnegut is a book "critical of a classed-based America that privileges its wealthy citizens over its poorer citizens." The committee plans to collaborate with the Vonnegut Library in Indianapolis. Finally, Mr. Holman indicated that TCPL's management team is discussing how to utilize and integrate core social networking software and activities into services and programs offered to library users. A draft "Social Software Policy" is being developed to ensure a consistent and conscientious approach to TCPL's increased web presence. It will be submitted to the Board for approval. As part of the County Librarian's Report, President Hawkins commented on the annual reports written by TCPL's department heads. He asked Assistant County Librarian Amy Paget what she would share regarding notable highlights from the previous year. Ms. Paget mentioned the changes in notification communication to library customers, individual logins for circulation staff, and the implementation of "23 Things" for staff training on new technologies. Mr. Phillips asked the County Librarian to share a link to "23 Things." Mr. Holman indicated that he would send the link to the entire Board.

President Hawkins gave a brief update on the status of the Board vacancy regarding the County Council's appointment.

Mrs. Grover moved to approve the February 7th, 2012 **Personnel Actions**. Mrs. Goonewardene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no **Committee Reports**.

Under **Other Reports**, Friends President Larry French shared information regarding the Friends upcoming election of new board members. Four new members will be seated at the annual meeting including a new treasurer who has banking experience. The current treasurer will be relocating to Texas. Also, Mr. French will serve as President for at least one more term. He reported the annual audit of the Friends financial records will take place soon and the Friends have approved their 2012 budget. Finally, Mr. French reported that the Friends spent 90% of their 2011 income on the library. Mr. Phillips commended the Friends on funding the annual staff dinner in January.

Also under Other Reports, the County Librarian provided a brief update on the Stein Building construction project. He indicated quite a bit of improvement and progress had been made and most of the unusual structural situations have been resolved. The County Librarian extended an invitation to Board members for tours of the Stein Building at their convenience.

Also, under Other Reports, Mr. Holman shared information related to his current term as President of the Black Caucus of ALA. He indicated his 2-year term ends in June 2012 and that things started a bit slower than expected. He mentioned several positive changes that occurred in the past 18 months and that the Black Caucus pays for 50% of his lodging while at conference.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under the heading of **New Business**, the Board was asked to consider approval for the 2012 Staff Day. After checking dates with Ivy Tech and getting a bit of input from other department heads, Thursday, August 9th was selected as the best date for this activity. During the day TCPL staff members will have an opportunity for shared learning and be able to enjoy lunch together. Mr. Phillips moved that the 2012 Staff Day be approved as presented. Mrs. Hicks provided a second and the motion passed.

TCPL Technology Center

The County Librarian presented background information about how the original plans, funding, and timeline for the technology center came about. He pointed out that with the amount of time that has passed since the original idea and the technological changes occurring since then, TCPL has the opportunity to incorporate the technological developments of the last 16 months into the new technology center. The County Librarian requested authority to consider minor changes to the seating and computer layout of the technology center. He reassured the Board that the purpose of the technology center has not changed, but with flexibility TCPL could make a great effort to provide much more than traditional personal computers. President Hawkins mentioned Mr. Holman spoke to him regarding this potential change. Mr. Phillips mentioned that several factors should be considered including TCPL's broadband capacity, using thin clients computers, and using a server for login purposes. He also stated the goal of the technology center remains the same. Mr. Phillips moved that the Board allow the County Librarian in collaboration with TCPL staff and the Facilities committee to reconfigure the technology center as long as changes stay within original budgetary limits of the project. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Under **Other Business**, Mr. Phillips moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 18949 through 19062. The prewritten claims were \$296,141.11 and the regular claims were \$121,961.97 for a grand total of \$ 418,103.08. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it passed.

There was no **Other Business**.

Under Comments from the Board, Mr. Phillips commented on his attendance at the Third House. He also reported that TCPL's lawsuit that

revolved around local preference initiated a change in a current piece of legislature. Senator Brandt Hershman led a revised Indiana preference bill that no longer provides a preference from county to county but does keep public tax dollars within the state. President Hawkins indicated efforts are still being made to schedule a meeting with Dr. Bathe. Also, the Board will eventually sit down in a work session to consider future projects.

Mrs. Hicks moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:26 p.m. Mrs. Goonewardene seconded the motion and it carried.

Sarah J. Hicks, Secretary

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