

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Room B, Lafayette, Indiana

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 – 7:30 pm

### 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, September 29, 2011 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

#### PRESENT:

Brandon Hawkins, President  
Mida Grover, Vice President  
Van Phillips, Treasurer  
Dinah McClure, Member  
Lora Goonewardene, Member

#### ABSENT:

Sarah Hicks, Secretary

#### Guests:

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

President Brandon Hawkins chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:33 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Board Treasurer Van Phillips led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Dinah McClure moved the **Board Minutes** of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved as presented. Board member Lora Goonewardene provided a second and the motion passed.

Under the heading of the County Librarian Report, Mr. Holman highlighted a few items for Board attention. He spoke enthusiastically of a grant TCPL received from the American Library Association. TCPL was officially notified we received a \$2,500 grant for the Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility, and Compassion program. TCPL is one of two libraries in Indiana to receive the grant. Delphi Community Library was the other library. Mr. Holman mentioned that TCPL's Youth staff will kick-off the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Family Read Aloud program on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 with a theme of "**Step into the Past: Read Together**". Special programs associated with the theme will take place each Saturday in February. Mr. Holman also reported that Dennis Carson, Director of the Economic Development Department for the city of Lafayette initiated paperwork for the \$60,000 contribution to the Stein Building project. Finally, Mr. Holman reported he will

make a formal presentation as part of the YWCA's Network Luncheon series. His topic is the "future and changing role of the public library" in the face of Nooks, Kindles, etc.

Mrs. Grover moved to approve the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 **Personnel Actions**. Mrs. Goonewardene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under the heading of **Communications**, the County Librarian reported he received a written correspondence from WBAA Radio under Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5 requesting advance notice of all TCPL Board meetings. Mr. Holman acknowledged receipt and confirmed TCPL's intent to comply with the request. Also, the Board received copies of a special report researched and prepared by the local League of Women Voters. The report was titled "Library Services in Tippecanoe County Study Committee Report."

There were no **Committee Reports**.

Under **Other Reports**, Friends President Larry French shared information regarding the Friends annual election of their board of directors. As the slate of candidates is being developed by the Friends nominating committee, the Friends are looking to diversify their board in terms of younger people serving. Also, no current board member is prepared to serve as board president in 2012. Therefore, the Friends are considering suspending their bylaws regarding term limits to allow Mr. French to serve one additional year as president. Also, Mr. French reported that in response to a request from the County Librarian, the Friends donated \$15,000 as a year-end gift for the Technology Center and that another \$25,000 is designated in the Friends 2012 budget. The Friends were pleased to add their support to the project. Board members thanked the Friends for their continued financial support of the library.

Also under Other Reports, the County Librarian provided a brief update on the Stein Building construction project.

There was no **Old Business**.

There was no **New Business** to be considered.

Under **Other Business**, President Hawkins requested a motion to suspend the regular meeting. Mr. Phillips moved to suspend the regular meeting and convene the Board of Finance to consider financial matters and routines for 2012. Ms. McClure seconded the motion and it passed. The first item of business was to elect a President and Secretary of the Board of Finance. President Hawkins suggested he and Mida Grover serve as officers of the Board of Finance. Mr. Phillips moved to nominate and elect by consensus Brandon Hawkins as President and Mida Grover as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Ms. McClure provided a second and the motion passed. Regarding the TCPL Investment Policy, Ms. McClure moved to reaffirm the Investment Policy of the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Holman informed the Board of the local banks which served as depositories in 2011. Mr. Phillips moved to designate the following banks

as depositories for library funds in 2012: Old National Bank, Lafayette Bank and Trust and Lafayette Community Savings Bank. Ms. McClure provided a second and the motion passed. Ms. McClure moved that the Lafayette Journal & Courier and the Lafayette Leaders be approved as designated newspapers to publish TCPL's legal advertisements in 2012. Mrs. Goonewardene seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Phillips moved to approve the request for advance tax draws from the County Auditor for the 2012 fiscal year. Mrs. Grover provided a second and the motion passed. Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting and reconvene the regular Board meeting. Ms. McClure seconded the motion and it passed.

Also, under **Other Business**, Mr. Phillips moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 18857 through 18947. The prewritten claims were \$2,527.53 and the regular claims were \$95,484.43 for a grand total of \$98,011.96. Ms. McClure seconded the motion and it passed.

There was no **Other Business**.

Under Comments from the Board, President Hawkins handed out a list of 2012 committee assignments for Board members. Also, Board members made a few comments regarding the League of Women Voters formal report handed out earlier in the meeting. The County Librarian reported there was no decision by the County Council on a replacement Board member for Jerry Withered. Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski verbally indicated Mida Grover would be re-appointed to another four-year term and Mr. Holman had a verbal indication the County Commissioners would re-appoint Dinah McClure. Mr. Phillips suggested the County Librarian make inquiry with the County regarding the success of the County's Wellness Clinic. Finally, Board members briefly commented on the recent newspaper article on the growth of Ivy Tech's Lafayette campus. The Board briefly considered the potential impact on TCPL of Ivy Tech's future building plans. It was suggested some discussion take place between the two institutions.

Ms. McClure moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:11 p.m. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it carried.

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Sarah Hicks, Secretary