

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana

May 5th, 2009

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, April 30th, 2009 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Dinah McClure, President
Brandon Hawkins, Vice-President
Sarah J. Hicks, Treasurer
Mida Grover, Secretary
Jerry Withered, Member
Lora Goonewardene, Member
Van Phillips, Member

ABSENT:

ATTENDING:

Stephanie Schmitz, League of Women Voters
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian
Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian

President Dinah McClure chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:38 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library. Prior to the regular Board meeting, an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. to review and discuss recommendations from the salary/wage study.

Board member Jerry Withered led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Treasurer Sarah Hicks moved the **Board Minutes** of April 7th, 2009 be approved as presented. Board member Van Phillips provided a second and the motion passed. Minutes of the March 3rd, 2009 Executive Session were not presented for action.

Mr. Holman highlighted a number of items from the **County Librarian's Report**. He shared that the visit by award winning children's author Christopher Paul Curtis was very entertaining and extremely successful. About 441 children and adults attended presentations with about 100 people attending the evening presentation at Ivy Tech. Over 260 books totaling over \$1,700 were sold. The author autographed every book. Mr. Holman reported local Internet service provider Wintek completed all work associated with the installation of the new fiber optic connections that creates a gigabit wide area network for TCPL. The library now has in-ground fiber optic lines connecting both Klondike and the campus library,

which provides increased speed working in SIRSI, with our computer servers, and with email. Also, we doubled the bandwidth going from 1.5 mpbs to 3.0 which allows larger files to be sent quicker. Previously, Klondike relied on a Comcast cable connection and the campus library operated with a wireless roof top antenna. Mr. Holman pointed out four new tires and replacement manufacturers hubcaps were purchased for the van TCPL owns and uses for transporting materials. Also, new water heaters were installed in the ceiling of the youth room restrooms, once again providing hot water to the youth area. Finally, Mr. Holman mentioned the month of March brought a record-breaking circulation total for our Klondike Branch. A total of 21,384 checkouts occurred in March 2009 surpassing June 2008 as the busiest month on record. The increase is attributed to a number of special program activities held during March in conjunction with Spring break for local schools.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the May 5th, 2009 **Personnel Actions**. Board Secretary Mida Grover seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no **Committee Reports**.

Under the heading of **Other Reports**, the County Librarian reported that Friends President Susan Robey communicated she would be absent. Ms. Robey wanted to remind the Board of the upcoming book sale, June 12 – 15. The theme for the sale is “Grand Ole Flag”.

Under the heading of **Old Business**, Personnel Committee Chair Brandon Hawkins made a brief statement about the Singer Group recommendations. Mr. Hawkins indicated that the Board would withhold taking any action or making a motion at this point. He stated the Personnel Committee would review the discussion and make one motion at a future meeting.

Under the heading of **New Business**, the County Librarian shared information about a change in the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF). The change centers on a planned increase in 2010. The employer contribution rate of 6.75% of the gross pay of eligible employees will increase to 7% in 2010. Traditionally, Mr. Holman has sought formal approval for this type of change. Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the 2010 PERF employer contribution rate at 7%. Mrs. Grover provided a second to the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under **Other Business**, Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 114733 through 14852. The pre-written claims were \$269,163.71 and the regular claims were \$223,175.77 for a grand total of \$492,339.48. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed.

There were no **Comments from the Public**. Under **Comments from the Board**, Mr. Withered asked questions and commented on the quarterly statistics. Topics included website hits, program attendance and meeting room use. Mr. Phillips commented on the delay of the state budget and any connection to the library's revenue. No action was requested for any of the topics.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mrs. Hicks provided a second to the motion and it carried.

Mida Grover, Secretary

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