

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Room B, Lafayette, Indiana

October 4th, 2011 – 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:

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

ABSENT:

Guests:

John Sheumann, Saddlebrook Development, LLC
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian
Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian

Board President Sarah Hicks 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 member Lora Goonewardene led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Vice-President Van Phillips moved the **Board Minutes** of September 6th, be approved as presented. Board Secretary Mida Grover provided a second and the motion passed.

Under the heading of the County Librarian Report, Mr. Holman highlighted a few items from his report. He shared that he and Neal Starkey recently met with representatives of ADTec. TCPL engaged ADTec to file the Federal E-Rate discounts for telephone service and Internet connections. In the 2010 funding year, TCPL received a funding commitment of \$26,933 and recently received checks for over \$7,000. Also, Mr. Holman reported that Ivy Tech, working with TCPL staff members, held its 2011 Open House for Ivy Tech faculty on August 18th. TCPL consented to having the second floor of the Campus Library closed to the public to accommodate Ivy Tech's plans for the Open House. Ivy Tech had over 100 attendees which is more than a 30% increase over the attendees at the 2010 Open House. Finally, Mr. Holman indicated he would attend Indiana Library Federation's annual Legislative Forum on Tuesday, October 4th in Carmel. This annual forum prioritizes the

legislative issues for the 2012 legislative session. Also, the County Librarian will attend and participate in the 10th anniversary celebration of the Indiana Black Librarians Network on October 14th-15th. His participation will focus on presenting a brief history of the IBLN on Friday night and storytelling on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Grover moved to approve the October 4th, 2011 **Personnel Actions**. Mrs. Goonewardene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under the heading of **Committee Reports**, Facilities Committee chair Jerry Withered briefly updated the Board on the situation involving the delay of the Stein Building project. Mr. Withered indicated that while waiting for the judge to respond to the initial motion filed by the contractor challenging the awarded bid, the Chosnek law firm is working on a strategy to support TCPL's position. Mr. Withered anticipates a favorable ruling in this matter.

Under the heading of **Other Reports**, Mr. Withered introduced John Scheumann, one of the owners and developers of the SaddleBrook subdivision. Representing SaddleBrook Development LLC, Mr. Scheumann shared background information related to a plot of land being gifted to the library. Mr. Scheumann talked about expansion plans for the subdivision, the growth of the eastern part of Lafayette, and how his company always tries to help the community when developing housing subdivisions. He mentioned SaddleBrook's Development's other gifts of land in the eastern part of the county and provided a map showing the exact location of the land. Mr. Withered moved to accept the gift of land from John Scheumann on behalf of SaddleBrook Development LLC. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Withered stated the Board really thanks Mr. Scheumann for this gift of land and noted it was the second gift of land to TCPL. The land for the Klondike Branch was also donated by Mr. Scheumann.

Under the heading of **Old Business**, Ms. McClure, as chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee completed its assignment to consider options and bring back a recommendation for additional funding for the Stein Building project. She indicated that to close the gap in funding, the committee recommends \$74,000 be used from the accumulated Swezey funds. Also, Ms. McClure reminded the Board that the \$74,000 will primarily assist with the contingency aspect of the project and may not be spent. Ms. McClure moved to use \$74,000 from the Swezey Fund to supplement the Stein Building project. Mr. Withered seconded the motion and the motion passed. Also, Mr. Withered provided some background information on how the Swezey Fund came about and its present status.

Under the heading of **New Business**, the County Librarian presented information relevant to the adoption of TCPL's 2012 Operating and BIRF budgets. With the Department of Local Government's first time requirement that both budgets be submitted electronically, Mr. Holman wanted the Board to be fully aware of the process. He showed the Board various screenshots with budget information and informed the Board that a PIN assigned to the County Librarian actually submits the budget. Also, Mr. Holman displayed for the Board how their votes and signatures are certified in the new process. Ms. McClure moved to adopt the 2012 Operating

and BIRF budgets as presented. Mrs. Grover provided a second and the motion passed.

Under **Other Business**, Ms. McClure moved to approve the grand total of the October claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 18439 through 18553. The prewritten claims were \$254,419.46 and the regular claims were \$116,579.70 for a grand total of \$370,999.16. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it passed.

Finally, under Other Business - Comments from the Board, there was a brief discussion on what alternatives could be considered to keep the Stein Building project on the original timeline. The County Librarian was given permission to bring all the interested parties together to seek reasonable alternatives.

Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:12 p.m. Ms. McClure seconded the motion and it carried.

Mida Grover, Secretary

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