

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

**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 27, 2007 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

**PRESENT:**

Patricia Garrott, President  
Janet Stapleton, Vice-President  
Dinah McClure, Treasurer  
Van Phillips, Secretary  
Jerry Withered, Member  
Sarah J. Hicks, Member  
Brandon Hawkins, Member

**ABSENT:**

**ATTENDING:**

Patti Kovach, IUPUI student/staff member  
Mary Schultz, Friends Vice-President  
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian  
Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian

President Patricia Garrott chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Friends Vice-President Mary Schultz led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Vice-President Janet Stapleton moved the **Board Minutes** of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be accepted as presented. Board Treasurer Dinah McClure provided a second and the motion passed.

The County Librarian, Jos N. Holman, highlighted a few items from the **County Librarian's Report**. Mr. Holman mentioned that Klondike Youth Librarian, Melissa Delaney, was scheduled to make book talk presentations to students at Klondike Middle School. This first formal visit offers an excellent opportunity to develop a long-term relationship between Klondike branch and staff at the school. Also, Mr. Holman informed the Board of a new after school series of programs called "Fall Into Science".

These hands-on programs were developed by youth services staff for upper elementary school students and will be offered at all facilities. Mr. Holman mentioned the sidewalk on Alabama Street in front of the Stein Building has been repaired and the newer garage door has been equipped with an electric door opener. Finally, Mr. Holman stated he planned to attend the final scheduled meeting of the Indiana State Library Diversity Task Force. The task force focused on ethnicity within diversity and anticipates submitting a grant to Institute of Museum and Library Services to increase minority librarians in the state of Indiana.

Mrs. Stapleton moved to approve the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 **Personnel Actions**. Board Member Sarah Hicks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The County Librarian was asked about the high number of resignations listed and he responded this was not so unusual but more about the time of year and changes in people's lives.

Under the heading of **Committee Reports**, Facilities Committee chair Jerry Withered reported on his research into the sale of the Red Cross building. Mr. Withered reported the asking price was \$250,000 and the committee expressed a concern this was too much money for the library to expend at this time. Also, Mr. Withered indicated a TCPL contributor expressed an interest in purchasing the building and that may lead to other collaborative opportunities in the future.

Under **Other Reports**, Friends Vice-President Mary Schultz mentioned their upcoming book sale and that the Friends would soon begin work on the 2008 budget. Also, preliminary discussions were held about the Friends interest in using the Stein Building and a square foot assessment of the space currently being used by the Friends would take place. Finally, Mrs. Schultz announced the Friends accepted her resignation as Vice-President and also as book sale chair.

Under **Old Business**, Mrs. Garrott announced members of the art committee. Chaired by Van Phillips, committee members include Adele Needham, Dave McGaughey, Jane Boswell, Janet Stapleton, Kurt Wahl, Susan Roby, and Tom Van Horn. Also, positive comments and observations were made about the activity involving the formal acceptance of Ron and Adele Needham's gift of art.

Under **New Business**, the County Librarian reported he was contacted by a representative of the local Red Cross and asked about the library continuing to serve as an emergency shelter for the community if disaster struck our community. The Board discussed the request from the standpoint of the library serving as a physical resource, not a health resource and inquired about emergency power for the building. Mr. Holman recommended a Board position be determined on this topic since the

commitment goes beyond administrative responsibility. A suggestion was made to include all TCPL buildings. Also, questions were asked about what type of plan might be needed if a pandemic disease situation occurred. Mr. Phillips moved to renew the agreement with the Red Cross to serve as an emergency shelter and that TCPL should investigate emergency power for our buildings. Board member Brandon Hawkins provided a second and the motion passed.

Under **Other Business**, Board Treasurer Dinah McClure moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 12059 through 12178. The pre-written claims were \$235,754.52 and the regular claims were \$178,802.55 for a grand total of \$413,557.07. Mrs. Stapleton seconded the motion and it passed.

Under **Comments from the Board**, Mrs. Garrott mentioned the upcoming Indiana Library Federation Conference in November. Mr. Holman asked that any Board member interested in attending let him know in the next two weeks. Also, guest attendee Patti Kovach was introduced.

Ms. McClure moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

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Van Phillips, Secretary

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