

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana

**April 2, 2019**

### 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, March 28, 2019 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

#### PRESENT:

Lora Goonewardene, President  
Gail Summers, Vice-President  
Dave Lahr, Treasurer  
Brandon Hawkins, Member  
Mida Grover, Member

#### ABSENT:

Stephen Bultinck, Secretary  
Mary Springer, Member

#### GUESTS

Harry Mohler, Architect  
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

President Lora Goonewardene chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:08 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Board member Mida Grover led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Brandon Hawkins moved the **Board Minutes** of March 5<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented. Board Vice President Gail Summers provided a second and the motion passed.

Under the heading of the **County Librarian's Report**, Mr. Holman shared information on a few items of interest. Mr. Holman mentioned one of TCPL's decade old investment accounts was recently closed by Morgan Stanley. Primary use of the account occurred when TCPL received a substantial gift from the estate of Anna Akeley. The majority of the invested funds were used for the two previous branch construction projects. The fund started to incur fees and changes in Morgan Stanley policy dictated closing the fund. The library received a final distribution check in the amount of \$1,819.65. After a brief discussion about the absence of restrictions for the funds, there was consensus to use the remainder of the Anna Akeley funds as a gift for the South branch project and to recognize Mrs. Akeley in some way in the South branch. Mr. Holman shared that several TCPL staff members will attend the Diversity Roundtable's biannual summit with the theme of "Discussing Whiteness." The keynote speaker, Bryant K. Smith, is the founder of *Smith Consulting and Networking*, a comprehensive consulting firm that helps businesses and schools to reduce anxiety, increase productivity, and foster the growth and development of culturally competent and confident leaders and managers. The \$35 registration fee includes lunch. Finally, Mr. Holman spoke about House Bill 1343 and the amended version that passed out of the Local Government committee of the Indiana senate. Headed to full discussion on the senate floor, the bill focuses on binding review of library budgets and levies, but it sets several specific criteria to determine when this type of review should occur. It is unclear what the full senate will do with the bill.

Mrs. Grover moved to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 **Personnel Actions**. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no **Committee Reports**.

There were three topics under the heading of **Other Reports**. Friends President Janet Bessler did not attend the meeting so there was no report for the Friends. The County Librarian gave an update on the South Branch project. He spoke about the status of the utility agreement with the City of Lafayette and the plan to fund the furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. He shared a draft schedule for the construction project with an anticipated completion date in February 2020. He also indicated all contract documents were signed and showed how the Guaranteed Maximum Price was identified in the contract. One item still being finalized is the implementation of a Builder's Risk Policy to cover potential damage of the structure while the building process goes on. Finally, Mr. Holman reported on the schedule for the bi-weekly progress meetings. Regarding the final topic under the heading of Other Reports, the County Librarian conducted a brief demonstration of the new ILS (Integrated Library System) for public use of TCPL's TipCat. Mr. Holman showed Board members the layout of the opening screen and talked about how past library account information carries over to the new system. He also commented on a couple of points related to the staff work for the transition and expectations for the April 17<sup>th</sup> "go live" date.

There was no **Old Business**.

There was no **New Business**.

Under the heading of **Other Business**, Board Treasurer Dave Lahr moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 28433 through 28515. The prewritten claims were \$259,903.35 and the regular claims were \$131,190.54 for a grand total of \$391,093.89. Mrs. Summers seconded the motion and it passed.

Also under **Other Business**, President Goonewardene briefly commented on the absence of the Board committee assignments document, but reaffirmed the assignments. It was the County Librarian's oversight not to produce the list, but a copy will be shared.

Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Grover seconded the motion and it carried.

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Gail Summers, Vice President

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