

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board October 24th Meeting, 2023

Board Members present: Ralph McBride, Mary Gore, Ronette Tillman, Jennifer Templeton, Shay Maupin, Yesenia Lira-Garcia, John Boutwell, Mark McGee, Mary Pitner, and Dr. Gerald Martin. Also present: Margaret Petty – interim Library Director, Kate Huddleston - Regional Director and Cynthia Matthews – Assistant Director, and Haley Clanton. Not present, Marilyn Ewing.

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with a quorum of ten (10) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

John Boutwell made the motion to approve October's minutes and Mary Pitner seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Pitner made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ronnette Tillman seconded the motion. All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

During her Regional Library report, Kate Huddleston stated libraries will no longer be able to share Audiobooks and E-Books that are available on the Libby App through Overdrive. This will create a longer waiting period for patrons and libraries across the Middle TN Region. She also shared that she is doing a book repair workshop and encouraged everyone to attend if they could.

Old Business

Ralph McBride moved the discussion of employee comp. time to next month's meeting. He asked the Board to be ready to share our thoughts on whether to offer it or not. If we continue to do so, we'll need precise guidelines.

New Business

No report.

Friends of the Library

Mary Pitner reported that the Author's Luncheon was a success. She went on to say that the funds raised for the 2023-2024 fiscal year were the most raised in the last few years! That total came to \$6,328.76.

Personnel Committee

After interviewing several candidates and some pulling their resumes, John Boutwell announced he was ready to make an offer to Margaret Petty for the Director position. Boutwell made a motion to appoint Petty as the Director of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library. Mark McGee seconded the motion. All approved and congratulated!

Ralph McBride asked for a motion to set Margaret Petty's salary at \$45,000. John Boutwell approved the motion. Mark McGee seconded the motion. All approved.

McBride also stated he wants Petty to make recommendations at the next meeting as to who she would like to appoint as Assistant Library Director. He also asked that she share her advice on the steps she would like to take in hiring or filling other openings.

Community Relations

Mark McGee reminded the Board that there was a story and photos about Allison Clark (Friends of the Library speaker) in the Bedford Post.

Property Committee

Dr. Gerald Martin shared that the lemur in the children's section fell off the wall and is now back in place. In the same area, there is mildew on the wall needing to be taken care of.

Librarian's Report

Margaret Petty announced the library was signed up for the local parade. She also asked that the library close at 3:30pm for a Halloween event on Saturday. This would allow the staff to get there early and set up. Mary Pitner moved. Jennifer Templeton seconded. All approved.

Petty also shared a suggestion that instead of paying monthly (\$150=\$1,800/year) for an ad in the Good News Magazine, we only do it 2-3 times a year. The ad would be bigger than the smaller ad being used now. She also proposed that the library staff take turns writing a monthly report in the Bedford Post. Her hope would be that it would bring more attention and the staff could suggest book recommendations.

She introduced Haley Clanton and shared that she is getting her MLIS and graduating in May 2024.

Mary Pitner made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:19pm.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary