

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Board February 27th Meeting, 2024

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

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm with a quorum of seven (7) members.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

No report.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gerald Martin made the motion to approve February's minutes and Ronnette Tillman seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mark McGee made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Gerald Martin seconded the motion. All approved.

Regional Libraries' Report

The Regional Libraries' Report was started with a reminder about the Tech Grants. Kate Huddleston touched on the annual Tennessee Standards for Public Libraries 2023 report. In the Technology area, SBCPL scored a yes in all standards. She advised that we also scored well in the Community Relations category. Huddleston concluded the report with the note that the library is doing well compared to others with the same demographics and size.

Old Business

Kate Huddleston recommended modifications to the Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Collections Development Policy. Ralph McBride objected to the proposed new provision to be added to Section 6.3 as follows: "No funds received are used to purchase, nor will the library otherwise acquire, material that constitutes 'child pornography', is 'pornographic for minors' or 'obscene for minors' because there is no legal definition of "pornographic for minors." He proposed that the quoted language be replaced with the following: "The Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library will comply with all applicable state and federal laws."

John Boutwell moved to amend the Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Collection Policy as proposed by Kate Huddleston with modifications proposed by Mr. McBride. Dr. Gerald Martin seconded. Approved by all.

The library reception, held on February 21st, went great! County Mayor Chad Graham, City Mayor Randy Carroll, Commissioners Janice Brothers and Linda Yockey were in attendance.

New Business

Ralph McBride appointed himself, Jennifer Templeton, and Mary Pitner as the Budget Committee.

Friends of the Library

Margaret Petty shared that the Friends of the Library's first meeting, of the year, will be March 12th, 2024.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Community Relations

Mark McGee shared that Margaret started her library column in the Bedford Post. Mark also shared there was a story about the local Black Artists exhibit located at SPCPL.

Property Committee

No report.

Librarian's Report

February's librarian report began with Margaret Petty informing the board about the ICON Program. The Program works through the American Job Center and with local businesses, to find job placement for students. The grant (awarded to the school) offers every student up to \$3,200 per year. Margaret plans to hire a junior and a senior student to help after school and on Saturdays. Per Petty, this will give the library some of the budget back since it is no cost to us!

The TNLA Annual Conference will be held on April 3 – 4 in Franklin, TN. Margaret asked that the library be closed on the 3rd and 4th for all library staff to attend since it is a great learning opportunity.

Mark McGee made a motion to approve the request. John Boutwell seconded. All members approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm.

Shay Maupin | Treasurer/Secretary