

CALL TO ORDER: President Barbara Hill called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm, at the Hebron Branch on September 18, 2023

PRESENT: Barbara Hill, President; Dr. Eric Jackson, Vice-President; Chris Lange, Treasurer; Emily Myers, Board Member; Rob Ziegler, Attorney Ziegler & Schneider; Stephanie Huhn, CPA Bramel & Ackley; Carrie Herrmann, Executive Director; Dawna Bach, Public Service Director; Sherri Slavey, HR Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed to Board members.

- ✓ **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA, CHRIS LANGE. SECOND, EMILY MYERS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT: A community member presented a letter to the Library Board asking about BCPL's involvement with the American Library Association (ALA) and asking the Board to denounce the ALA President.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Kaitlin Barber, Outreach Librarian, gave a short presentation about her staff mini-grant project: Brighton Women's Recovery Center Deposit Collection. Gelene Morales, Circulation Assistant at the Hebron Branch, gave a short presentation about her staff mini-grant project: Recycled Decorations.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to Board members.

- ✓ **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED, CHRIS LANGE. SECOND, DR. ERIC JACKSON. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TREASURERS REPORT: Stephanie Huhn presented the July treasurers report.

- ✓ **MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY TREASURERS REPORT, EMILY MYERS. SECOND, DR. ERIC JACKSON. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS:

Walton Construction Project Update: Carrie shared the Color Boards for the new building and pictures from the site. As of August 31, 2023, BCPL has saved \$49,360.14. This is related to the Direct Purchase Orders that do not pay Kentucky's 6% sales tax. The EV Charging stations in the plans are now obsolete. A solution is being researched. The first layer of the parking lot will be poured the week of September 18th. Staff are refining our plans for preparing the collection for the move to the new building. Instead of a massive effort just before the physical move, we will work in small batches to re-jacket, relabel and generally spiff up the books. BCPL will need to release RFPs for furniture, shelving, and AV/Security in early January. Carrie will begin working on these soon. Next meetings: September 28th 9:00 am—Roof preinstallation meeting; September 28th 10:00 am—Progress Meeting; and October 12th 10:00 am--Site walk.

Policy Review: A review of the "Circulation Policy." Several changes are recommended. Items being removed are struck through. Added items are in red ink.

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT: Stephanie Huhn presented the financial reports for July 2023.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Rob Ziegler reported that he is working with the individual and their attorney who is interested in purchasing the 3 acres of land in Hebron that was surplus by the Board in April. He estimates that a final contract will be ready for Board review by the end of October 2023.

FOUNDATION REPORT: No report. The Foundation Board meets next on September 21st. The artist exhibiting in the Art Gallery in August has donated a percentage of her sales to the Foundation.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: The Librarian's report was received as emailed to Board members. Carrie Herrmann highlighted the Request for Reconsideration outcome for the board book *See-Saw: First Book of Nursery Songs* illustrated by Ailie Busby. The customer specifically requested that BCPL "remove the page in question or remove the entire book," because of an objection to the first page of *See Saw* which contains an "overtly racist nursery rhyme. [The] picture is a white and black child on a see-saw with the white child higher." While researching, the committee discovered the publisher issued an updated version of the book not long after it was originally published. The updated version of *See Saw* is called, *Row, Row, Row Your Boat: First Book of Nursery Songs* and contains neither the rhyme nor the illustration in question. BCPL has withdrawn all copies of *See Saw* and purchased multiple copies of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* as replacements. She has received a Request for Reconsideration for the juvenile graphic novel *Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy*. A committee has been convened to evaluate this title. A resolution will be reached by November 15, 2023.

The Scheben Branch is experiencing issues with homeless. We have learned that the City of Florence, at the request of Florence business owners, has begun cracking down on the homeless population. The Sheriff's Department believes that these individuals were moving South to Union. We will need to train staff at that location in working with homeless population.

Carrie is working on two new policies to present to the Board—Video Surveillance Cameras and First Amendment Audits. Once she has the policies drafted, she will share them with the attorney for review, and then will present them to the Library Board. Dawna Bach, Public Service Director, is working on a Study Room Policy. This policy will be shared with the attorney for review, and then will be presented to the Library Board.

The Boone County Fiscal Court voted to drop the real tax rate from 9.8 to 9.6 cents. They also voted to drop the personal tax rate from 12.6 to 10.1 cents. There was a community member who complained about the Library tax rate as part of the discussion. Carrie will be presenting a short "State of the Library" to the Fiscal Court on September 19th at 8:30 am.

She has received three complaints about KLA and their involvement in ALA, and by extensions BCPL's involvement with ALA. The KLA Annual Conference is being held in Florence October 4-6, 2023. The ALA President, Emily Drabinski, is speaking at the conference. Several states have withdrawn from ALA due to her political beliefs. She has answered all three complaints

We have hired and trained a replacement intern to work on our Library of Congress grant. On September 16th, the Dinsmore panels regarding enslaved people, created as part of a Network to Freedom Grant, were unveiled.

The Library's new website went live in September 13th. You can see the website at <https://www.bcpl.org/>

Jeff West, Facilities Director, has accepted a position elsewhere. The position is posted.

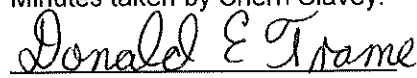
REGIONAL LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: The Regional Librarian's report was emailed to Board members.


NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 16th, 2023, at 4:00pm at the Main Library.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm,

- ✓ MOTION TO ADJOURN CHRIS LANGE. SECOND, EMILY MYERS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes taken by Sherri Slavey.


Secretary


President