

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
DAVISS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

JUNE 18, 2014

Members Present: Polly Reynolds, President
Jeremy Edge, Treasurer
Dmitry Uskov

Others Present: James Blanton, Director
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Debbie Young, Accounts Manager
Ginger Hatley, Admin. Clerk
Sharon Sharp
Elizabeth H. Alexander
P.J Sparks

Absent: Jonathan Carroll, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President, Polly Reynolds at 5:02 p.m.

Polly Reynolds introduced Dmitry Uskov as the new Board member. Jeremy Edge made a motion to amend the Agenda to present the Public Comment and Strategic Planning Proposal first before the Approval of Minutes. Dmitry Uskov seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Polly Reynolds then greeted Sharon Sharp for Public Comment. Ms. Sharp explained that as a newly retired patron, she would like the Board to consider a senior discount to non-resident Library patrons. Ms. Sharp also asked the Board to consider extending the 72 hour hold time for books which would be available to patrons if needed. Ms. Sharp also asked for a 1 week renewal extension for books. After discussion, Polly Reynolds informed Ms. Sharp the Board would let her know of their decision.

Polly Reynolds called for Strategic Planning Proposal and Mr. Blanton introduced Ms. Elizabeth (Libby) Alexander with Saturn Consulting. Ms. Alexander discussed with the Board her background and experience working with other libraries on their strategic plans. After a lengthy discussion, Polly Reynolds made a motion to move forward working with Ms. Alexander and Mr. Blanton to begin negotiations with her contract. Mr. Blanton will update the Board next month on the contract.

Polly Reynolds called for the approval of the minutes of the May meeting. Hearing no comments or corrections, Jeremy Edge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Polly Reynolds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Edge then presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Dmitry Uskov made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Polly Reynolds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Blanton was then asked to present the Director's Report. Mr. Blanton went over the Statistical Report and discussed any category with significant changes. Mr. Blanton reported on programs being held in June and upcoming events, including the Summer Reading Program, Seed Library still doing well, Kings Highway Program, and the Transformational Editor writing program. Mr. Blanton introduced P.J. Starks, of Verite Cinema, to the Board. Mr. Starks and Mr. Blanton discussed the previous Unscripted Film School, and proposed another Unscripted Film School this year. Mr. Blanton presented the Board with a Memorandum of Agreement draft for the upcoming Film School. After a lengthy discussion, Polly Reynolds noted additional time is needed to review and discuss legal issues and program content, and these issues will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Mr. Blanton also informed the Board the Library has been awarded a Hero Award from the American Red Cross, for the WWII Documentary and Totes of Hope program.

Polly Reynolds called for Old Business. Mr. Blanton reported a bill from RBS Design had been received and paid, for services rendered to date on the parking lot expansion project. There were no further updates on the parking lot expansion project. Mr. Blanton presented the Board plans for the potential meeting room expansion which may be partially funded through the KPLA Funding Opportunity. A Notice of Intent is due on July 18, 2014 to KPLA for the funding. Chris Bischoff from KDLA will be assisting Mr. Blanton with the applications and notices to be filed. Mr. Blanton recommended that Codell Construction Company be the Construction Manager with RBS Design as the Architect. Jeremy Edge made a motion to accept Codell Construction Company as the Construction Manager, Dmitry Uskov seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With regard to Candidates for Open Board Member Position, Jim Blanton recommended Joanne Berry as a possible candidate. Debbie Young informed the Board they will need two more names for candidates to fill the resigned seat of Vicky Tinsley, and Jeremy Edge's seat, which will expire on September 13, 2014. Mr. Edge noted that he would like to stay on the Board for a second term. The Board will present two names for discussion at the July meeting.

Polly Reynolds called for New Business. Jim Blanton was asked to excuse himself from the meeting for a few minutes while the Board discussed his evaluation. The Board discussed Jim's job performance and salary recommendation. Mr. Blanton was asked to return to the meeting and Ms. Reynolds discussed the Board's thoughts on Mr. Blanton's excellent work and leadership as the Library Director. Jeremy Edge made a motion to approve the salary increase reflected in the approved budget for fiscal year

2014/2015 for James Blanton. Dmitry Uskov seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Blanton's evaluation will be discussed in more detail at the July Board meeting.

Jeremy Edge reported he was approached by someone who asked if the Board would be interested in selling the Griffith Avenue property, which is a rental property for the Library that has recently become vacant. The Board agreed to discuss the process of selling the property, and this item will be kept on the agenda for the July meeting.

There was no Closed Session.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday July 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Reynolds". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.