

Kent County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2007

Call to order

The Meeting of the Kent County Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on April 9th, 2007. Present were Jack Stenger, Don Wierda, Dee Newnam, Rebecca Taylor, Jim Blake, Louise Durocher, Jerry Keiser, and Chris Roseberry. Representing the Friends of the Library was Judy Timberman.

Disposition of Minutes from March 12, 2007

The minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. Louise Durocher motioned the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Jack Stenger and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Input

Judy Timberman, representing the Friends of the Library, declared the Book Sale a success.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Keiser covered several pertinent topics in his Librarian's report.

The first topic was the Horizon Consortia and the library's options for a different ILS in the future with the possible end of our SirsiDynix contract. These options include open source applications, a partnership with Washington College, or joining Carroll County's continuing contract with SirsiDynix.

Mr. Keiser attended the Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc. Planning Meeting to discuss next year's budget. Highlights were Service Enhancement Grants, ESRL's purchasing of downloadable audio books, shore wide programming, a NAS server, and the replacement of the current Smart Access Management System (SAM).

The library received sets of books from the National Endowment Humanities/We the People grant. Each set includes 20 titles with the theme being "the pursuit of happiness", and each school and library branch will receive a set, after the public announcement of the endowment by Congressman Gilchrist.

The Board was introduced to a new collection of downloadable music that the library recently purchased.

Lastly, Mr. Keiser said that the library received a \$1100 check for the book, Chestertown and Kent County, which he co-authored with Joan Horsey and Bill Biddle. He is currently working on another book for Rock Hall's 300th anniversary with Joan and Robin Kurowski.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of the audit with the accountant will continue after tax season.

New and Miscellaneous Business

There was a discussion the "By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the Kent County Public Library". Jim Blake requested that Mr. Keiser take a look at other county libraries by-laws to see how they compare with ours. The Board found the by-laws acceptable and Jim Blake motioned to approve the by-laws, as is, it was seconded by Mr. Wierda and approved unanimously.

Also discussed was Section 6.4 of the Personnel Manual pertaining to the incremental percentage increase in staff contributions over the next three years to the Maryland State Teachers Pension System. Louise Durocher motioned to approve the change in the Personnel Manual, which was seconded by Jack Stenger and approved unanimously.

In addition, Mr. Keiser submitted the March 2007 Circulation and Budget Report.

Adjournment

Louise Durocher moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Jim Blake seconded the motion and it was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be on May 7th, at 2:15.