

Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12, 2010

Call to order: Jack Stenger, chairman, called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Library on Monday, April 12, 2010. A quorum was present as the following Trustees were in attendance: Jack Stenger, Louise Durocher, Hank Johnson, Robin Kurowski, Betty Spence, Jim Blake, and Rebecca Taylor; library staff present were Jerry Keiser, Director and Chris Roseberry, Assistant Director.

Disposition of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2010 were reviewed. Louise Durocher moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Hank Johnson, and approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Present was Harry Pisapia, Mayor of Galena. After introduction of Mayor Pisapia to the Trustees, the mayor reiterated his offer of as much support from the town as possible, and emphasized the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with the library, regarding the North County Branch. He is interested in soliciting individuals from the Galena area to serve as potential trustees.

Librarian's Report: Director Jerry Keiser gave his Librarian's Report. Facilities: there was a discussion regarding the financial role the County Commissioners should play in the event that the library were to receive the loan from the Maryland Department of Energy. The loan would be used to replace the existing electric HVAC system with one that is fueled by propane. The Board recommended that the Library approach the Commissioners, via the county engineer and county administrator, to be "co-signers" on the loan application because the library facility is a county building. Hank Johnson also inquired as to whether the Library Foundation would be willing to commit their support as well.

Circulation is up overall. The Board wants to see the breakdown between audiobooks and downloadables, in the "Audiobooks" category. There was discussion of the purchase of a "second generation" Ipad for library applications.

The Budget is now in a holding pattern until the library hears from the County.

After the Board of Education completes its reconfiguration of the middle and elementary schools, the library, with the help of the county, would like to coordinate an automated system to produce a unified catalog, and borrowing/lending system among the schools' and county's libraries. This would be a major project, but one that could be well received by the County Commissioners in light of the current status of materials in the media centers.

Library Fine and Fee Schedule – Vote: The Director presented a revised fine and fee schedule, which was reviewed and discussed. Louise Durocher moved to accept the new schedule, seconded by Betty Spence and approved unanimously. The Board will review the Meeting Room Policy at the next Board Meeting.

It was determined that the Board needs to send at least 2 names of possible trustees to the County Commissioners.

The Board members received a breakdown of the operating costs of each branch.

At 4:30 p.m., Jack Stenger moved for the Board to go into Executive Session, seconded by Hank Johnson, to:
discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction;

At 4:45 p.m., Louise Durocher moved that the Executive Session be adjourned, seconded by Betty Spence and unanimously approved.