

Kent County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
4 August 2008  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Taylor at 2:25.

All Trustees were present except Hank Johnson.

Louise Durocher moved to accept the minutes of the June 16 meeting, which was seconded by Betty Spence and approved unanimously.

Public Input

Max Ruehrmund of Chesapeake Architects and the architect of the library renovation project explained the process of putting the project out for bid. He expected to have the results in approximately 3 weeks. The County commissioners will open the bids and decide who gets the project. Max also displayed the proposed landscape plan, and estimated the entire design/build project would be completed by the end of November.

FOL Input

Christina Showalter, representing the Friends of the Library, said there would be no FOL meetings again until Fall 2008. Book donations are still be accepted and sorted in the meeting room.

Betty Spence, board member and member of the meeting room recommendation committee, explained some of the options for the joint use of the meeting room by the library and the FOL. There would be further discussion of the plans after the FOL meets in September.

Librarian's Report

Jerry Keiser introduced the idea of looking into purchasing a bookmobile with the idea of getting library service to those areas not currently served by a branch. Raising funds for the bookmobile, Jerry suggested, would be a way for the

County Commissioners, the Library Board, the Friends and the Foundation to all work together.

The library would park the bookmobile, for a day at a time, in towns such as Millington, Betterton, Fairlee and other under-served areas. He planned to visit a bookmobile plant in North Carolina to learn more about the subject.

With the cost of the bookmobile being upwards of approximately \$500,000, the Board was emphatic that Jerry look into the cost of serving patrons by means of a mobile library versus the cost of a building facility.

#### Circulation and Budget Reports

Circulation is up 11%. VHS format is gone from collection.

Balance sheet is down to one page.

Personnel evaluations are not yet done.

#### Other Business

The Board endorsed the early literacy grant for which Vera Shade was awarded more than \$3000 from the Local Management Board. During a recent visit from Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Vera's work was highly praised.

Jack Stenger and Louise Durocher were excused from the September 8 scheduled meeting.

#### Adjournment

A move to adjourn at 3:50 by Jack Stenger was seconded by Louise Durocher and approved unanimously.