

10 August 2009  
Kent County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes reviewed from June 1, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Rebecca Taylor in the Yellow Building. Present were Jerry Keiser, Chris Roseberry, Rebecca Taylor, Jim Blake, Jack Stenger, Betty Spence, Louise Durocher, & Hank Johnson. Robin Kurowski was absent. Also present was Roger Brown, the library's accountant.

Louise Durocher moved to accept the June minutes with corrections, as noted, seconded by Rebecca Taylor, and approved unanimously.

Communications were reviewed and the Board asked to see all suggestions from the suggestion box, signed and unsigned. A letter to the editor of the Kent News from a satisfied patron, Margaret Cook, was distributed.

Roger Brown described the pros and cons of becoming a 501 3(c). Hank Johnson moved that the discussion be tabled, seconded by Louise Durocher and unanimously approved. Until further action the library will use the 501 3(c) status of the FOL or Foundation if needed for grant application.

Jerry presented the Librarian's report and began by explaining the increase in MAPLA dues to cover hiring a lobbyist to represent all Maryland libraries in light of the extensive budget cuts. He also introduced ChestertownBookFest.org. A Facilities report indicated that the construction was almost complete, and future renovation of the public restrooms was being discussed with the architect.

Circulation figures were up 18%. Revenue from sales of copier printouts was up.

The Finance Committee decided to meet with Roger Brown to decide how best to provide a budget report that was acceptable to all board members. Jim Blake is Chairman of the Finance Committee as appointed by Becky Taylor.

Committee Reports:

Open House – no meeting held  
Finance - no meeting held  
FOL - no meeting held

Public Input – Joan Horsey announced the Foundation's Annual Meeting on Sept. 4, 2009 at 1:30 in the Yellow Building.

The Board went into executive session 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.

Jack Stenger moved to adjourn at 4:30, seconded by Louise Durocher and approved unanimously.