

Kent County Public Library
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
January 8, 2007

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Kent County Library Board was called to order by Rebecca Taylor, President, at 2:30 pm on January 8, 2007. Present were Rebecca Taylor, Jack Stenger, Jim Blake, Don Wierda, Louise Durocher and Jerry Keiser.

Minutes from the August 14, 2006 and October 16, 2006 Meetings

The minutes of these meetings were presented and discussed. Mr. Stenger moved that the minutes of 8/14/2006 be accepted, Mr. Wierda seconded the motion and the board voted to approve the minutes. Mr. Stenger moved that the minutes of 10/16/2006 be accepted, Mr. Blake seconded the motion and the board voted to approve the minutes.

President's Remarks

Ms. Taylor led a brief discussion of the library related article which appeared in the December 14, 2006 issue of the KENT COUNTY NEWS. The article described the results of the recently concluded survey of Maryland residents regarding the value of libraries to the communities they serve.

Public Input

There were no community representatives in attendance.

Library Director Report

Mr. Keiser reported that the new Galena branch circulated its 10,000th item this month, and monthly circulation is approximately 1,500 books per month.

Funds may be available to repair the leaking roof of the library and replace the current single paned windows with the double paned, energy efficient type.

Personnel Benefits

Mr. Keiser described the post-retirement health insurance benefits available to retired teachers. Further consideration of this matter was tabled for a later meeting.

Executive Session Request

Mr. Keiser requested the Board close its meeting to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Duroucher moved for an executive session to discuss said matter, specifically nominations for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees pursuant to section 10.508. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blake. Ms. Taylor queried each of the four members present on their vote to close the Board's session; with five Trustees present a quorum was reached and it carried unanimously.

Executive Session

An executive session was held at the end of the Library Board of Trustees meeting on January 8, 2007 at 3:55 pm. The Trustees present were: Rebecca K. Taylor, Louise Duroucher, Vice-Chairperson, Don Wierda, Treasurer; Jim Blake, Secretary; and Dr. Jack Stenger; along with Mr. Keiser, Director, Kent County Public Library.

One motion was made to accept the nomination of Ms. Dee Newnam as a Member of the Board of Library Trustees and forward said recommendation to the Kent County Commissioners for acceptance of her nomination; said motion passed unanimously.

At 4:00 pm, Ms. Taylor motioned to return to open session with a second from Mr. Blake; the Board unanimously agreed to return to an open session.

Adjournment

Following a motion by Ms Durocher and a second by Mr. Stenger, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:05PM.

The next board Meeting will be held on February 12 2007 at 2:15PM.