

Kent County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2008

Call to order:

The meeting of the Kent County Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on January 14, 2008. Present were Louise Durocher, Jim Blake, Hank Johnson, Betty Spence, Becky Taylor, Jack Stenger, Jerry Keiser and Chris Roseberry.

Disposition of Minutes from previous meeting:

Louise Durocher moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting, which was seconded by Hank Johnson and approved unanimously.

Public Input/Communications:

There was a letter from the town of Chestertown regarding the growth of the town by annexation and the potential impact on the operation of the library. Jerry would be attending an upcoming town meeting on January 16. A letter of response will be written to the town.

In attendance were Mark Glaze, Nancy Bennington, Connie Schroth, Joe Massey, and Christina Showalter, representing the Friends of the Library. They presented a handout of "reflections" in regard to the request that the FOL find alternative storage space for their book sale books, having outgrown the space available in the library's meeting room.

Jim Blake requested that the FOL board minutes be sent to the KCPL board.

Old business:

Jack Stenger was reappointed to the Board.

Librarian's report:

Jerry Keiser submitted and discussed the librarian's report including the FY09 budget and the circulation report. The audit was added to the next meeting's agenda. There are no problems with the audit and the auditor's presence will not be needed. Roger Brown will be invited to walk the board through a review of the audit.

Executive Session:

At 4:30 the Board went into Executive session. The reason given was to discuss: The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom the library has jurisdiction.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the executive session at 4:45.

New and Unfinished Business:

Jack Stenger apologized to the Friends of the Library about the letter from the Board. A move by Jim Blake, seconded by Hank Johnson and approved unanimously, tabled the issue of the closing the meeting room to the FOL for storage and sorting of books.

Two committees were formed from members of the library staff and FOL board.

Committee 1: to devise a plan for the co-existent use of the meeting room will include Vera Shade, Karin Cowperthwait, Betty Spence, Louis Durocher, Christina Showalter and Mark Glaze as chair.

Committee 2: to organize "anniversary" commemoration will include Louise Durocher, Becky Taylor, Jeanne Geibel, Karin Cowperthwait, Connie Schroth, and Nancy Bennington.

Selection of Officers:

Rebecca Taylor will continue as board president, Louise Durocher is vice president, Jack Stenger is treasurer and Jim Blake is secretary.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:45 by Louise Durocher, seconded by Jim Blake and unanimously approved.

