

**Kent County Public
Library Board of
Trustees Minutes
October 16, 2006**

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Kent County Library Board was called to order at 2:17 pm on October 16, 2006. Present were Rebecca Taylor, Jack Stenger, Hank Johnson, Don Wierda, Shirley Ekland, Jerry Keiser. Guests included: Mr. Ernie Crowfoot, Esq, of Funk and Bolton; Librarians, Caroline County; Librarian, Eastern Shore Regional; and Christina Showalter, Friends of the Library.

Open Meetings & Public Information Presentation for the Board of Trustees

Mr. Ernie Crowfoot, Esq. presented a thorough overview of the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act to the Trustees. He emphasized the purpose of the law was to allow "sunshine" on the governmental processes which affect the day to day lives of Maryland's citizens. He reiterated that these Acts provisions are to be liberally construed in favor of openness and disclosure. He reviewed the applicable statutes: State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 10, Subtitles 5 and 6. Questions were fielded and each participant received a prepared reference binder on these two Acts. That part of the meeting concluded at 4:20 pm and all but the Trustees and Library Director left the meeting.

Public Input There were no members of the public

present Minutes from the August 14th Meeting

Minutes of the August 15, 2006 were not included in the prepared information package, although said prepared minutes had previously been circulated to Trustees via e-mail. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Fines Schedule

A KCPL Fine Schedule that included fines of five cents per day on children's books was presented by Mr. Keiser. Mr. Stenger motioned to approve the motion and the motion was seconded by Ms. Ekland. The motion was approved.

Schedule of Calendar Year 2007 Trustee Meetings

Library Board of Trustees 2007 Board Meeting Schedule was presented by Mr. Keiser. Mr. Wierda moved to accept the meeting schedule and the motion was seconded by Mr. Stenger. The motion was approved. Notice of next year's schedule will be posted on KCPL's website and community bulletin board. Said 2007 Board Meeting Schedule will also be mailed to Mr. Craig O'Donnell, Kent County News.

Fundraising Letter

A fundraising letter to be sent to the patrons of the library was presented to the Board by Mr. Keiser. Mr. Stenger motioned to approve the fundraising letter for mailing in early December and the motion was seconded by Ms. Eklund. The motion was approved.

Adjournment At 5:00 pm, Mr. Wierda moved the meeting be adjourned, Ms. Ekland seconded and the motion was approved.

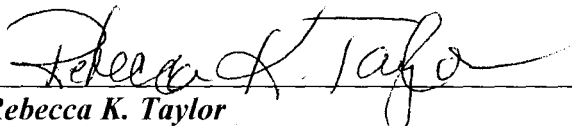
Next Meeting: December]], 2006 at 2:15 p.m.

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December 11, 2006 meeting was

cancelled. Next Meeting: January 8,

2007 at 2:15 pm



Rebecca K. Taylor

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