

Burke County Public Library
Departmental Trustees Meeting
April 25, 2006 4:00 PM
Valdese Library

Trustees Present: Wesley Abele, Linda Chester, Sterling Collett, Lyvonne Ellison, Dorothy Ervin, Pamela Hildebran, Nell Hildebrand, Vickie Oxentine, William Robertson, John Rostan, Mary Ellen Wiese.

Trustees Absent: Steve Settlemyer

Staff Present: Alicia Lorenzo-Scott, Ank van der Kuil

Visitor: Ron Lewis, County Manager

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and the decision was made to go into an executive session.

Chairman Robertson resumed the regular meeting at 4:30 PM.

Report of Library Staff:

- A. **Alicia Lorenzo-Scott, Young Adult Program Coordinator** reported that the Freedom High School team was one of eight district winners that made it all the way to the State finals in the Quiz Bowl. Freedom made it to third place. She also informed the Trustees that this year's theme for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program is "Creature Feature" and the kick-off will be on June 12th on the front lawn of the Morganton Library. She reported that last year an average of 140 teenagers signed up for the programs.
- B. **Ank van der Kuil, Adult Program Coordinator** reported that on April 18th, Scott Fowler came to the library to talk about his new book "North Carolina Tar Heels, Where Have You Gone". Scott Fowler is the award-winning sports editor for the Charlotte Observer. Both Scott and the people that came to hear him had a very good time. She further mentioned that both the Fireside Visiting Author Series, the Concert Series, Ancestors in the Attic and the Garden Series are very popular and in demand.
- C. **Financial Report:**
No financial report was presented.
- D. **Budget Proposal 2006/2007:**
The budget proposal for FY 2006-2007 has been presented to the County Manager.

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Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes were read. A request to correct the spelling of the word “chrochet” to “crochet” was made by Linda Chester. A motion was made by Dottie Ervin to approve the minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Vickie Oxentine and approved by the Board.

Correspondence and Communications: None

Trustee Hildebran did want to relay a compliment a patron had for Betty Riley’s story hour at the Hildebran Library. The patron felt that Riley’s story hour was far superior to the one at the Hickory Library.

Committee Report:

Sterling Collett reported that the Foundation Book Ball has been a very successful fund-raising event. Several individual sponsors as well as Wachovia Securities and Wachovia Corporation helped pay for some of the expenses. During the ball donations to buy books for the library are collected and at the first book ball \$5,700 was raised, the second brought in about \$6,400 and this year’s book ball raised \$17,800 for new books. In all over \$75,000 has been raised to buy books for the library.

County Manager, Ron Lewis commended the Library Foundation for their efforts to improve the Library for this community. He also believes that the Cultural Block is an exciting project for the community.

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Dottie Ervin. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Chester/avdk