

Burke County Public Library
Departmental Trustees Meeting
August 22, 2006 at 4:00pm
Morganton Public Library

Trustees Present: Wesley Abele, Sterling Collett, Lyvonne Ellison, Dorothy Ervin, Pam Hildebran, Nell Hildebrand, Vickie Oxentine, William Robertson, John Rostan, Mary Ellen Wiese
Trustees Absent: Linda Chester, Steve Settlemyer
Staff Present: Ank van der Kuil (Adult Program Coordinator), Jim Wilson (Interim Director)

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2006 was made by Dottie Ervin, seconded by Lyvonne Ellison, and approved by the Board.

Correspondence and Communications: None

Financial Report: Jim Wilson presented the July 31, 2006 financial report of the library.

Staffing Update: Jim Wilson reported that four more candidates will be interviewed in the next couple of weeks for the Youth Services Librarian position in Morganton. He also noted that county manager, Ron Lewis, assured him that filling the library director's position is a top priority in the coming weeks.

Building Repairs: Jim Wilson stated the lights at the Valdese Public Library have almost all been replaced. Cob blasting of the exterior paint in Morganton will start next week. Because of that the library will be closed Monday through Wednesday. Signs and an announcement in the News-Herald will notify the public about the closure.

Lease Agreement: Jim Wilson reported the recent repair of a leak in the ceiling at C.B. Hildebrand proved to be minor. Because the lease agreement between the library and the Hildebran Icard Community Development Council makes the library responsible for maintenance and repair costs to its leased portion of the building a review of the lease terms is underway by the county attorney at the request of the county manager.

Strategic Planning Process: Jim Wilson suggested that it's time to sit down with library stakeholders such as Burke County, City of Morganton, Town of Valdese, the Library Foundation, Library Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library

and discuss funding and space needs for the library system over the next five to ten years.

Commons Update: Sterling Collett reported that Rosie Gilchrist is no longer involved as a consultant for the Commons project. Despite this setback, the group has new resolve to make this project successful.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Sterling Collett reported that the Library Foundation met and reviewed the proposed budget from the library staff. He stated the Foundation is reluctant to approve these requests until the county makes a commitment about future funding for the library system. He suggested that representatives from the Library Board of Trustees, Friends, and Foundation approach the county commissioners to discuss this issue.

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

Next meeting will be on September 26, 2006 at 4:00pm at the Morganton Public Library.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Chester/avdk