

Burke County Public Library
Departmental Trustees Meeting
January 27, 2009
Morganton Public Library

Trustees Present: Bakh Alam, Dottie Ervin, Gene Huffman, Susan Keller, Vickie Oxentine,
Mark Rostan, , Becky Stragand, Mary Ellen Wiese

Trustees Absent: Rose Ann Childres, Steve Settlemyer, Ken Whittington

Staff Present: Jim Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chair, Mary Ellen Wiese

New Trustees: Library Director, Jim Wilson introduced new trustee, Gene Huffman,
who represents the Burke County Commission.

Nominating Committee: Dottie Ervin presented the slate of proposed officers as follows:

Chair – Mary Ellen Wiese
Vice Chair – Bakh Alam
Secretary – Becky Stragand
Treasurer – Susan Keller

Election of Officers: The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September and November meetings were
approved as presented.

Correspondence and Communications: None

Financial Report: Jim Wilson informed the Board the County has asked the library to
identify a 2% overall budget reduction for the current year which will
amount to about \$25,000. He also noted that State Aid has been reduced
for the year by a total, so far, of 7%. Fines and fees are coming in, he
noted, at a slightly higher rate than last year.

Staffing Update: Information Services Librarian, Page Andersen started working twenty
hours a week this month mainly on Mondays and Tuesdays. She has
been updating the website, Wilson said.

Kimberly Greene, Library Assistant I in the Children's Room at the
Morganton Public Library, will go on maternity leave next week, Wilson
said, and will return around March 20. Staff has donated time so she
won't have to take an unpaid leave as she is a relatively new employee.

Building Repairs Update: Purchase order is ready for Valdese repairs. County manager must re-appropriate the repair funds to the library budget, Wilson noted.

General Library Update: Wilson reported overall circulation is up more than 10% from the same period last year and computer use is up 44%.

He noted that Viranya Filipiak, Adult Program Coordinator, obtained a Let's Talk About It Grant of \$1,000 from the NC Humanities Council for a 5-part book discussion series beginning in February. Young Adult Program Coordinator, Alicia Lorenzo-Scott, received a Great Stories Grant from the American Library Association to implement a book discussion group with girls from the South Mountain Children's Home.

The ongoing library card drive with middle schools and high schools continues to be successful.

He mentioned that Picture Burke has an exhibit called Then and Now on display at Morganton City Hall.

Wilson previewed upcoming programs such as Black History Month, Breakfast with Books, and the Friends' Author's Luncheon.

Space Study Update: Wilson reported the space study is complete and that we are waiting to receive our copies of the report. He will be working with the consultant to schedule a time to come and make a presentation.

Policy Update: Trustees were asked to review the Materials Selection Policy which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27, at 4pm at the Morganton Public Library

Respectfully submitted: Becky Stragand