



**Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
April 18, 2006
Minutes**

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at the Library Center.

Members present: Bruce Chrisope, Krystal Compas, Neil Guion, Cherri Jones, Morey Mechlin, Stephanie Stenger-Montgomery, Rodney Nichols, Jean Woody

Members absent: Gary Funk

Disposition of Minutes: Mechlin moved to approve the February 21, 2006, minutes of the regular and closed sessions. Montgomery seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

Programs, Services and Technology Committee: Chair Cherri Jones reported the committee is making minor changes to the Strategic Plan which will be presented for approval at the June Board meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Executive Director Annie Busch continued discussions with Republic Schools Superintendent Pam Hedgepeth about a combined high school and public library facility. Architect Jim Stufflebeam will meet with Republic Schools architect Chris Ball to discuss a design layout. Republic Schools requested the Board make a decision by August 2006 about the feasibility of a shared facility.

There are several community residents who are interested in participating in a focus group to discuss opportunities for a Library branch in Strafford.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Through March, the Library was .3% under budget. Income in February included Sur Tax and a final grant reimbursement from the Einstein Grant. Income in March included a quarterly distribution from the Buhrman Trust as well as grant income from the Stories-to-Go Grant and the LSTA Remote Vulnerability Assessment Grant to upgrade computer security software.

Expenses in February included printing of the spring issue of *Bookends*, fence and window repairs at the Midtown Carnegie Branch and electrical upgrades at the Brentwood Branch. Journal entries were made to reallocate expenses to the correct account numbers in minor equipment and computer hardware and software accounts.

March expenses included electrical upgrades and power pole installation at the Brentwood Branch from account 5371 Building Repairs and principal and interest payments from the bond accounts.

Chrisope moved to accept the financial report as presented. Mechlin seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

Chrisope moved to approve the budget adjustment transferring \$30,843 from Account 5371 Building Repairs to Account 5373 Safe and Security for security equipment for the Children's Departments and parking lots. Montgomery seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

Report of the Director: Board President Krystal Compas and Executive Director Annie Busch will travel to Washington, D.C., to attend Library Day at the Capitol on May 1-2.

The Senate Budget Committee passed a 2% increase for the MOREnet budget. The House Appropriations Committee had earlier recommended level funding. The two versions will be reconciled in conference committee.

The Library received an LSTA grant from the State Library for \$14,826 to expand the summer reading program's outreach activities this year. Three temporary part-time employees will be hired to visit children who attend the YMCA, Parks, Salvation Army and Springfield Public Schools programs with collections of books, story times and staff training.

April events will focus on the Big Read 2006 and the first "Big Read" book is E. B. White's children's classic, "Charlotte's Web". Banners are hanging in all branches, pig erasers and activity sheets will be given to kids and staff will wear special buttons. Café 641 is also selling pig cookies.

New Business: Woody moved to appoint former Board member and attorney Doug Nickell and accountant Sean Balisle to the Public Building Corporation to replace Tom Peebles and Gary Burgess whose terms expire June 30, 2006. Mechlin seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

Chrisope moved to approve the Financial Management and Controls Policy. Woody seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

Mechlin moved to adjourn the meeting. Woody seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea, Woody yea. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Debbie Eckert, Business Office Manager