



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
January 17, 2012
Minutes

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library with Leslie Carrier presiding.

Members present: Leslie Carrier, Kenton DeVries, Cheryl Griffeth, Vickie Hicks, James Jeffries, Kim Kollmeyer, Jim Meadows, David Richards

Member absent: Martha Crise

Disposition of Minutes: Hicks moved to approve the December 20, 2011, minutes. DeVries seconded. Carrier yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Hicks yea, Jeffries yea, Kollmeyer yea, Meadows yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Kollmeyer reported for the Finance-Personnel Committee that the Library is 4.6 percent under budget with 50 percent of the fiscal year passed. Cash is currently at \$2.35 million, while last year at this time the cash on hand was \$1.97 million. Expenses are generally on budget except minor equipment, which will be adjusted with the revised budget. The accounts corresponding to some annual expenses such as audit services, insurance premiums, and membership dues will regularize by year's end.

The trust balance report was presented and some background on the Ficke Trust was given to the board. Staff will check on the maturity date of the Series HH Savings Bond from the Ficke Trust. Staff will report on the Sims Trust next board meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

- Richards reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met on January 10. The delivery van has arrived but needs a day over 50 degrees to apply the logo decal.
- The roof inspection for the branches is complete. The report for the roof at the Brentwood Branch was good; the Midtown Carnegie Branch needs work; the Library Station needs some work; and the Library Center roof is at the end of its life.
- 210 new children's book bins will be installed at the branches thanks to an \$82,000 grant from the Friends of the Library.
- The Fair Grove Branch had a new circulation desk installed.
- There was some vandalism to furniture at the Park Central and the Library Station branches.
- The new carpeting in the Library Center reference area near microfilm machines and the public computers will be finished by President's Day, Feb. 20.

Report of the Director:

- Staff member Brian Grubbs, Project Director of the Community and Conflict Civil War Digitization Project, has been awarded the Missouri Humanities Award for Distinguished Achievement in Literature and will be presented with his award at an April 18, 2012, ceremony in Jefferson City. Several staff members will attend.
- Community Relations Director Kathleen O'Dell, Associate Director Jim Schmidt and Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper will travel to Jefferson City on January 25 for Salute to Legislators Day, where the Library will have an exhibit. Cooper also reported that on February 7, 2012, the Missouri Library Association will hold its Library Advocacy Day. Several administrators will attend and visit southwest Missouri legislators. Cooper reported that three spots were open if any board members were available and wanted to attend. Interested board members need to inform Cooper so they can be registered for the event. If any openings remain, staff will fill them.
- Springfield's New Year's Eve First Night event drew more than 700 people to the Park Central Branch.
- A Missouri State Library grant for \$15,000 was awarded to the Library for Summer Reading to Go.
- There is a new Edge catalog for January to June 2012.

Board Education: Interlibrary Loan Department Manager Rhonda Brown reported to the board on the Interlibrary Loan and MOBIUS services. MOBIUS and ILL received more than 62,000 requests in the last year and were able to fill more than 42,000 of those (they were unable to fill more because the materials were in use). The Interlibrary Loan system for the Library began in 1998 and has grown to include more than 9,000 libraries nationally. In 2009, a Libraries and Schools Technology grant administered by the Missouri State Library provided free courier service throughout Missouri. In 2011, a similar grant added 22 more libraries into the "Get Connected" courier system. While in the past the Springfield-Greene County Library District was a net lender, in the last three years the Library has been a net borrower. MOBIUS has continued to grow and has a goal to include more public libraries into its mostly academic group of libraries, and extend into New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma.

Miscellaneous Items: Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting to closed session for a real estate discussion. Griffith seconded. Carrier yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Hicks yea, Jeffries yea, Kollmeyer yea, Meadows yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:35 p.m.

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Director of Business Operations