



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
March 31, 2008
Minutes

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met in special session on Monday, March 31, 2008, at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks with Cherri Jones presiding.

Members present: Leslie Carrier, Bruce Chrisope, Gary Funk, Neil Guion, Cherri Jones, Morey Mechlin, Rodney Nichols

Members absent: Martha Crise

Mechlin moved the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss real estate proposals. Chrisope seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Carrier yea, Chrisope yea, Funk yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Nichols yea. Motion carried.

Chrisope moved to adopt the Cell Phone Policy. Nichols seconded. Carrier yea, Chrisope yea, Funk yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Nichols yea. Motion carried.

Carrier moved to adopt the Open Meetings and Records Policy. Mechlin seconded. Carrier yea, Chrisope yea, Funk yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Nichols yea. Motion carried.

Search Committee Chair Cherri Jones explained the extensive search process and timeline that she and her committee, composed of Leslie Carrier and Gary Funk, used to prepare for the vacancy created when Executive Director Annie Busch retires in January 2009. The committee called references for eight firms, narrowing the possibilities to three executive search firms, Dubberly-Garcia, Gossage-Sager and John Keister & Associates.

The committee reviewed the qualifications, fees and methods of each company. John Keister & Associates, a Chicago-based firm, was selected by the Board after a recommendation by the committee. John Keister, president and co-founder of the 21-year-old company, brings a non-traditional approach to the library director search process because he has expertise in both the corporate and library worlds. A strong library advocate, he has served on the boards of several libraries in the northern Illinois area.

A series of staff and public forums will begin the first week of April and continue through May 7 at the various branches. The purpose of the forums, casual sessions moderated by Trustees and a staff member, is to gather input on the qualities needed for the ninth leader of the Library District. The community relations department will prepare a Fact Sheet on the process for the public and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Debbie Eckert, Business Office Manager