



**Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees**  
**December 19, 2006**  
**Minutes**

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at the Library Center with President Krystal Compas presiding.

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

Member absent: Jean Woody

Library Board President Krystal Compas congratulated Executive Director Annie Busch on receiving an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Missouri State University. Busch will be awarded the degree at spring commencement on May 18.

The Board welcomed new Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson. Stinson received a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri and worked as youth services consultant with the Missouri State Library for nine years.

Disposition of Minutes: Mechlin moved to approve the November 21, 2006, minutes. Jones seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Funk yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea. Motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Chair Rodney Nichols reported the December tax disbursement was \$130,000 less than last year. Busch contacted the public school administrative office and the City of Springfield finance department and their receipts were also less. These agencies are investigating with the Greene County Collector's office the reason for the decrease.

Through November, the Library was 7.8% under budget. Miscellaneous Income included e-rate reimbursement for telephone services from 2005-2006 budget year and a total of \$2,375 in gift and memorial contributions for the David Freeman memorial.

Expenses included a credit to Office Equipment Repairs Account 5373 for software reimbursement. The Library borrowed \$140,000 from the line of credit with The Signature Bank.

The gross profit margin for Café 641 was 52.1% with total income of \$12,620.82 and expenses at \$12,648.25.

Roberts, McKenzie, Mangan and Cummings conducted an audit for the Library Foundation for years ending June 30, 2006 and 2005. Their opinion was unqualified, the best rating a firm can give an organization. A copy of the Library Foundation by-laws and audit will be e-mailed to the Library Board.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee: No report.

Programs, Services and Technology Committee: Chair Cherri Jones reported the monthly statistical comparison report included the suggested changes from the Programs, Services and Technology

Committee. The service analysis presentations will begin in February with a report on the online customer service surveys from Counting Opinions.

Report of the Director: The Springfield Salute to Missouri Legislators will be held in Jefferson City on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. The Missouri Library Association's Library Advocacy Day will be held in Jefferson City on February 6, 2007. The registration deadline is January 26. Board members were asked to contact the Business Office if they can attend either event.

The Library will host the only pre-conference panel of the Missouri State University Public Affairs conference. The event, to be held at the Library Station in April, will feature experts and authorities on the immigration issue.

In January, the Library Center will host a University of Missouri Press exhibit of its new publications. The Library will also co-sponsor a book signing in April for Missouri State University professor James Giglio.

Busch met with the MOREnet advisory council. MOREnet is in the process of preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to purchase dark fiber to expand the bandwidth for schools and libraries. The council worked with a California consultant who made recommendations for future technology plans and included capacity for growth.

Strafford landlord Marc Whitmore is contracting with a local architect to finish renovation plans in order to file appropriate paperwork with the City of Strafford to obtain construction permits. Construction should begin again in January.

Board Education: Business Librarian Mike DePue demonstrated the Library's new electronic product, Business Decision. Business Decision is a reporting and mapping service of extensive consumer household, market segmentation and demographic data that can be placed in map and chart formats using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology.

New Business: It was the consensus of the Board to draft a letter of congratulations to Library Foundation Board member Pat Walker for being named Humanitarian of the Year. Walker donated \$2,500 of the award she received to the Library Foundation.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow a church to use the Brentwood Branch lot for parking on Sundays.

Miscellaneous Items: Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting. Montgomery seconded. Chrisope yea, Compas yea, Funk yea, Guion yea, Jones yea, Mechlin yea, Montgomery yea, Nichols yea. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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