



Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees
November 15, 2011
Amended Minutes

The Springfield-Greene County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at the Library Station with Leslie Carrier presiding.

Members present: Leslie Carrier, Martha Crise, Kenton DeVries, Cheryl Griffeth, Vickie Hicks, Jim Meadows and David Richards

Member absent: James Jeffries, Kim Kollmeyer

Disposition of Minutes: Hicks moved to approve the October 18, 2011, minutes. Griffeth seconded. Carrier yea, Crise yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Hicks yea, Meadows yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

Finance and Personnel Committee: Auditor Rob Rebmann of Roberts, McKenzie, Mangan and Cummings presented the annual audit report for the 2010-2011 budget year. Net assets exceeded liabilities by \$12,753,851; because of this and because of a rebound in investment values, Rebmann reported that the Library is in a strong financial position, and the auditors gave the Library an unqualified opinion. The Between Friends Gift Shop activity was included as a component unit labeled “Business-type activity” and reflected a transfer to the Library of \$65,000 for the year. Carrier asked for a definition of “discretely presented component unit” with reference to the Library Foundation, and Rebmann said it indicated the Library Foundation’s financials are presented separately and visibly (audit report p. 37 note 21). Hicks moved to approve the financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2011. DeVries seconded. Carrier yea, Crise yea, DeVries yea, Griffeth yea, Hicks yea, Meadows yea, Richards yea. Motion carried.

DeVries reported for the Finance-Personnel Committee in Kollmeyer’s absence. Total revenues for October were \$86,328 with expenses at \$917,828. Through October, the Library was 3.8 percent under budget. The Library anticipates no difficulty with cash flow until tax time, as all categories of expenses are being managed well. Year-to-date revenues are at \$746,231 (5.8 percent) and expenditures are at \$3,702,528 (29.5 percent). Operating cash is \$2,611,743 and well within budget.

Circulation in October decreased 1.8 percent from a year ago, with 300,699 materials circulating system-wide. Total branch traffic increased 1.5 percent from a year ago, with 161,514 patron visits. System-wide, 2,200 groups used the meeting rooms with a total attendance of 13,193. There were 404,655 searches from remote use of the Library’s electronic products. The Web server recorded a total of 1,723,243 page views by 71,670 visitors during October.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Griffith reported that some of the carpet at the Library Center is being replaced and that the Story Garden surface has been replaced with sod. The elevator roof at the Midtown Carnegie branch was done over Veterans Day. The Midtown Carnegie Branch has a new sign and staff door.

Programs, Services and Technology Committee: Hicks reported that there will be a presentation by Planning and Development Librarian Gay Wilson in the near future on the Gates Grant IMPACT survey.

Report of the Director: Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper reported that the Friends of the Library book sale netted \$99,349 and made \$9,053 on \$1 and \$5 Bag Day. Interviews are under way for the Foundation and Development Director. Cooper reported on a new teen program in Outreach Services based on the Hunger Games books. The Library also is working on a “going green” campaign to encourage patrons to sign up for email notifications in lieu of paper mail. Also, the EDCO group will be at the Library Center one day for free shredding services to the public. Cooper also reported that because of a move by MOREnet from Mediacom to Springnet, the Internet bandwidth at the Library Center will increase from 20mb to 30mb, with an increase also coming soon to other branches. The Holiday Store at the Between Friends Gift Shops starts on November 26 for the Library Center and on December 3 for the Library Station. Cooper rode on the Mobile Library to locations such as Walnut Grove and saw how very important the service is to that community.

Cooper reminded everyone that the December board meeting will be at the Jordan Valley Community Health Center, 440 E. Tampa St., at Benton Avenue.

Cooper reported on her final two Director’s goals of a facilities review and a 10-year vision plan and provided written reports, which are attached.

Board Education: Community & Conflict Project Director Brian Grubbs demonstrated the “Virtual Museum” for the board and showed how the site continues to grow and increase in popularity, with articles written by leading Missouri civil war scholars.

[James Jeffries arrived.]

The Virtual Museum is a sister site with the Community & Conflict website. From July 2011 until the end of October 2011, the site drew 11,439 unique visitors (an increase of 74.8 percent) with 124,763 page views (an increase of 179.9 percent) during that time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Director of Business Operations