



**Board of Trustees Meeting
21 January 2020 Minutes**

Trustees Attending: Chair Susan Schneibel, Susan Williams, Cathy Hammon, Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela, Andy Simon, Lauren Emert, Stephanie Thompson

Staff Attending: K.C. Williams-BCPL Director, Kathy Harmon, Anjanae Brueland, Kathy Thompson, Kathleen Christy, Ari Baker

Visitors: Dick Burgess - Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Liz Schreck - Ocoee River Regional Library

Guests: Don Stallions - Blount County General Services Director; Joe Alissandrello - Central Technologies, Inc.; Chris - Avigilon rep

Call to Order: Chair Susan Schneibel called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 21 January 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Hammon made a motion to approve the 19 November meeting minutes. Andy Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Dr. Susan Schneibel:

- Susan S. did not give a report this month.

Report of Blount County Public Library Director by K.C. Williams:

- The January 2020 Board Meeting Packet, which includes the Financial Report, the 2019-20 Library Use Statistics, and Strategic Directions 2020-2022 (Draft) was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.
- There were no questions from the board.

Report of Foundation Board, Angela Quick

- Angela Quick was unable to attend. The Foundation report was distributed by Susan S.
- The Foundation has not met since the last report to the board of trustees in November 2019; however, the report mentioned the Foundation continues to work on creating the new web site, migrating office functions online, and refreshing their donor database.
- The Foundation meeting schedule for 2020 was included in the report.

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Report of Friends of the Library, Dick Burgess

- Dick Burgess reported the Friends raised \$16,000.00 in December 2019.
- eBay sales for 2019 totaled \$70,000.00.
- Denise Robertson is doing a great job revamping the eBay section.
- There are 18 regular volunteers and 3 Bonner students working in the eBay section.
- The Bonner Scholar students are providing excellent help.
- There have been several weeks of record-breaking donations.
- The Friends are working on organizational changes.

Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck or representative

- The READS FY 2019-20 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck distributed the Ocoee River Regional Library January 2020 Report and the Trustee Workshop Survey.
- Liz discussed the upcoming training opportunities, including the Data Day online web conference on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.
- Liz reported on upcoming changes to the Trustee Certification Program.

Old Business

- K.C. reported the Centennial Celebrations programs are completed.
- The library marketing video needs to be finalized.
- The Legacy Project interviews will be taken on by the Genealogy Society.

New Business

- K.C. discussed the Strategic Directions 2020-2022 draft and answered questions from the board.

Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela made a motion to approve the preliminary draft of Building Bridges Strategic Directions 2020-2022. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Don Stallions explained the need for one new security system to replace the many antiquated systems across county departments and explained how the system will work.
- Don, Joe, Chris, and KC answered questions from the board.

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Cathy Hammon made a motion to approve moving forward with the security system as presented. Andy Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Funding Requests:

- K.C. presented the following Friends request:
 - There were no Friends funding requests for January 2020.

- K.C. presented the following Foundation funding requests:
 - Security Camera System - \$128,269.65.

After an in-depth discussion by the board, the decision was made to bring the request to fund the security system to the Foundation.

Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela made a motion to approve the submitted funding request for the Foundation. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Susan S. and K.C. will be out of town on 18 February so the date of the February Board of Trustees meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, 25 February.

Important Dates

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting - 20 February 2020, 7:00 pm – BC Courthouse
Blount County Friends of the Library – 28 January 2020, 4:00 pm – KP Boardroom
Foundation for the Blount County Library - 7 February 2020, 8:00 am - KP Boardroom
Maryville City Council - 4 February 2020, 7:00 pm - Maryville Municipal Building
Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 11 February 2020, 7:00 pm - Alcoa Municipal Building

Motion to Adjourn:

Stephanie Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Hammon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next Library Board Meeting – 25 February 2020, 5:30 pm - Kathy Pagles Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Harmon