



Trustees Attending: Greg Brakebill, Stephanie Thompson, Dawn Reagan, Shawn Graham, Richard Fogg, Becca Wolfenbarger, Dexter Stewart, Robert White

Staff Attending: Anjanae Brueland - BCPL Interim Director, Summer Dale, Sara Corso

Visitors: Vandy Kemp - Friends of the Blount County Public Library, Trevis Gardner - Blount County Public Library Foundation, Liz Schrek - Ocoee River Regional Library

The Board Meeting Packet, including the Library Director's Report, was made available on 8 April 2025.

Call to Order: Stephanie Thompson called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 15 April 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Dawn Reagan made a motion to approve the 18 March 2025 BOT Meeting minutes. Shawn Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dexter Stewart made a motion to approve the 18 March 2025 BOT Special Called Meeting minutes. Becca Wolfenbarger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

- The board heard comments from 0 members of the public.

Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Greg Brakebill:

- He thanked Anjanae Brueland for presenting the FY26 Budget to the Blount County Commission.
- The BOT Chair, the Friends' President, and the Foundation President met to discuss Strategic Planning and aligning organizations.
- Appointed a Subcommittee to nominate officers.
- Current Trustees' terms were identified, and a timeline was created to select nominations.
- It was recommended that all four Trustee Information sheets be given to the Blount County Mayor for consideration.

Report of Blount County Public Library Interim Director by Anjanae Brueland:

- Anjanae gave a shoutout to all managers about their planning for Summer Reading.
 - Summer Reading to begin May 16th.
- Discussed departmental updates, kudos, and information.
- She supplied construction and project updates for the Automatic Materials Handler (AMH).
 - Emphasized the AMH landing page on the Library's website.
- Anjanae thanked the Board for their generosity on Library Worker's Day.



- Updated the Board on the FY26 Budget Committee and Commission Workshop
 - The proposal requests an increase in the utilities line and the use of the Library Fund balance to replace the chiller compressor and/or parts.

- Will be held on 17 April 2025 at 6 pm in room 430 at the Courthouse.

Report of Foundation Board, Trevis Gardner:

- Two Committees have been formed:
 - Planning Committee
 - Communication Committee
- The Foundation is updating its website.
- They have restructured their Investment Management portfolio so they can receive stocks and bonds, such as legacy gifts.
- The next meeting will be on 25 April 2025 at 8 am.

Report of Friends of the Library, Vandy Kemp:

- Currently, the Friends are halfway through their strategic plan with Bob Myers.
- Invested in the Little Green Light Donor Management software.
- Friends have separated from BCPL's PR and have hired their own PR person.
- Visual Voice is working on updating the Friends' logo.

Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck:

- The Ocoee River Regional Library Report and the READS FY 2023-24 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck shared updates from the Regional Library.
- The region has updated the Trustee Certification modules.

Nominating Committee Appointments:

- Dexter Stewart, Richard Fogg, and Dawn Reagan volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on 20 May 2025 to determine the officer slate to be presented at the June Board meeting.

Old Business:

- The **Interlibrary Loan policy** was discussed.

Stephanie Thompson made a motion to approve the Interlibrary Loan Policy. Richard Fogg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Space Planning Report:



- The digital link to this report was shared via email with all Board members.

New Business:

- The **Public Comment Policy** was presented.
 - No action was taken. The discussion was tabled.
- The **Hotspot** Policy was presented.
 - It was determined that we should remain firm on requesting a debit/credit card for checkout.
 - The policy will be updated to include prices reflecting the increase in the device's cost.
 - The discussion was tabled.

Funding Requests:

- There were no Friends Funding Requests.
- There were no Foundation Funding Requests.

Additional Closing Comments:

- Dawn Reagan shared that the Agenda Workshop for the Blount County Commission has changed to the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., the Budget meeting is at 5 p.m., and the General Commission Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
- There will be no Board meeting in July.

Important Dates:

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting – 15 May 2025, 6:00 p.m. – BC Courthouse

Blount County Friends of the Library – 27 May 2025, 4:00 p.m. – BCPL

Foundation for the Blount County Public Library – 16 May 2025, 8:00 a.m. – BCPL

Maryville City Council - 6 May 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Maryville Municipal Bldg

Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 13 May 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Alcoa Municipal Bldg

Next Library Board Meeting – 20 May 2025, 5:30 p.m., Sharon Lawson Room

Motion to Adjourn:

Dexter Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Library Board meeting will be held on 20 May 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Summer Dale



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