

BULLITT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 9, 2005

The Bullitt County Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at the Lebanon Junction Library. Those present were Joyce Manning, Henry Robinson, Dolorse Ashby, Brenda Roberts, Randy Matlow, and Judy Jackson. Dolorse Ashby called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Nelda Moore arrived at 5:40 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Henry Robinson made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Joyce Manning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given. Brenda Roberts made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Henry Robinson seconded the motion. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Regional Director's Report:

Nelda was late. Her report will be given later in minutes.

Library Director Report:

We are possibly a week away from the final draft of our renovation plans. We have received notification from the KDLA that a federal grant for construction will be made available through KDLA. There will be \$400,000 available each year for 20 years to go toward a mortgage payment. This is a matching grant. If we plan to apply, we can not do our bidding until after the Federal fiscal year begins, which is November 1<sup>st</sup>. That will put our starting date further into next year. We would have to have financial backing in place and the first payment due by June, 2006. Randy is checking into whether we could do this project in two phases, so we could apply for the grant, but get started on the construction sooner. The first phase would be getting the ground prepared for the construction and possibly getting footers poured. The actual construction on the building would have to wait until the Federal guideline dates. The down side would be this would give us two mortgage payments. Randy had a hand out showing the Board what could possibly be financially saved. His feeling is this would allow us to plan for future projects a little sooner, such as a new building for Lebanon Junction, and renovating our Dorothea Stottman Library. Randy has asked Chris Bischoff at KDLA if a list of the people that submitted a letter of intent to apply would be made public. Nelda's recommendation was not to make it into two bids. This would complicate the issue. Randy advised the board the Judy was not 100% for doing this either, due to the fact that the library system already had a \$470,000. debt for the Mt. Washington Library. After discussing this issue, Brenda Roberts made the motion to file the letter of intent for the grant. Henry Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The library insurance association lawyer that is working on the Anthem ligation, wants to hire an "expert" witness for the trial that is coming up. The association doesn't have any money to pay for this. The individual libraries in the legation will have to contribute towards the expense. The expert witness charges \$495. an hour. The value of the Anthem stock is over \$2,000,000. The association would have to decide how the award (if we were to get it) would be divided. Brenda Roberts asked if we could drop put of the legation at any time? Dolores Ashby asked if it was possible for a settlement out of court. Randy advised this has been tried, but nothing came of it. Randy feels the best situation would be for Anthem to pay the attorney fees, then give a donation to the libraries. The donation would be a tax write off for Anthem. The Board discussed various scenarios has to what could possibly happen, such as what would happen if we did contribute, and want would happen if we did not. Dolores Ashby asked if we need to vote on this. Randy said not at this time, but the association would like to have a feel for how the board feels about contributing. Henry Robinson would like Randy to investigate this a little further as to what the actual cost could be, and the impact of this "expert" witness before a decision would be made. Brenda Roberts wanted to place a "ceiling" on the amount of money would commit to at this time. Henry Robinson made the motion to place a "ceiling" on the library's cost of contributing to the attorney generated costs at this time. Joyce Manning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Regional Director's Report:

Nelda passed out flyers to the board members containing information for the Lincoln Trail Trustee's Workshop to be held in Bardstown on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The registration needs to be in by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

A trustee list serve has been started on the internet. Nelda invited our Trustees to join. She had an information sheet for each of the trustees about this.

Randy invited the board to look around the Lebanon Junction library. It has been a year since the board met there. Mary Yocum has been working hard to make the library look good and be inviting to the public. She has been doing some much needed weeding.

The Arts Council is planning a dinner and gala event in October. Randy will bring more about this to the future meetings.

The "Read & Win" program of the Summer Reading Program will hand out prizes next week. This will make this year's Summer Reading Program officially over.

Tax Rates are starting to come out. Bullitt is still two or three weeks away from submitting theirs. We may have to have a called meeting to set the rate, and possibly another called meeting to adopt the tax rate.

Joyce Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Roberts seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Ashby  
President  
Board of Trustees  
Bullitt County Public Library

Brenda Roberts  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Bullitt County Public Library