

**Henry County Library System Board of Trustees
Called Meeting Minutes
McDonough Library
June 20, 2011**

- Indicates actions taken

Chairman Gordon Baker called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. Board members present were Marianne Morfoot, Pat Watson and Jan Lowe. Also present were Director Carolyn Fuller, Assistant Directors Pam Bagby and Kathy Pillatzki, Bookkeeper Deb Morris, Financial Clerk Ladonna Poole, Network Administrator Amanda Cox, Assistant Branch Manager Alicia McManus, and library patron Kimberly Matthews.

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved on a motion by Marianne Morfoot, seconded by Jan Lowe.

Old Business

Carolyn informed the Board of the amount that the state is going to provide for the FY 2012 budget. With that information, Administration was able to come up with two options for implementing the 2012 budget. Carolyn distributed a worksheet for the Board to review, and she explained the options. She said that if the Board chooses option one there's the real possibility that the library will lose staff, and she pointed out how difficult it is to start with new employees and train them. She recommended option two which is the kindest for employees but offers the least amount to purchase new materials. She noted that either way, the Library will be keeping its \$50,000.00 fund balance, which can be earmarked for book purchases in the future.

Jan suggested using a portion of the \$50,000.00 for periodical purchases since the Library now has so few magazine subscriptions. Marianne pointed out that many periodicals are available online and on smart phones, so periodicals may not be as important as they once were.

Jan asked about raising funds by having a fundraising drive sponsored by the library system. Carolyn explained the monetary donation process (donating money in memory or in honor of someone). She also said that Danny Dorminy was planning to do the Race to Read fundraiser again this year. He raised \$900 last December with very little publicity.

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be at McDonough on July 13th at noon. Greg Hammonds is the current Friends president, and he's interested in doing more that jut the Roast to raise money for the libraries. Carolyn says that the current Friends board is relatively young and they have lots of good relevant ideas.

Unfortunately the State mandates how we use raised funds (they can't be used for operations or salaries), but Carolyn pointed out that if enough was raised Deb could transfer book money from the existing budget to operations/salaries.

Carolyn has been speaking to a local biker group about doing a fundraising ride departing from the library parking lot on a Saturday.

Kathy mentioned possibly changing the late nights from Monday and Thursday to Tuesday and Thursday so that staff could potentially take night classes if desired. The Board said that since we were going to offer Sunday hours now, they could consider changing those late nights.

Marianne pointed out that people are way more important than "stuff" and that was the primary reason she'd prefer budget option #2.

Jan spoke about the importance of providing services and said she'd much rather spend any extra money to offer more services (hours of operation and materials).

- Marianne moved to accept budget option #2. Pat seconded the motion. Jan voted against the motion, but the motion passed with a majority.
- Jan motioned to revisit the idea of changing the late nights in January 2012 (after the fall focus groups and surveys). Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM on a motion by Pat Watson, seconded by Marianne Morfoot.