

T. B. Scott Free Library Board of Trustees
REGULAR MEETING
October 21st, 2015

Minutes

1. Opening

President Mike Geisler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Library Board Room. Present: Katie Breitenmoser, Paul Gilk, D'Lacey Haight, Tim Meehan, and Vicki Yelle. Excused: Richard Mamer and Jim Wedemeyer. Also present: Grant Woller MP3 (-5:00), Don Litzer (-5:00), Rob Peck (-5:00) and Nick Wszalek (-5:00).

The board received a thank you letter from UW-Extension for their donation to the "After the Bell" program. Also received was a hard copy of an email confirming the library as a recipient of a \$2,500 Walmart Grant.

There was no public comment.

2. Consent Items

M Meehan/S Gilk/C to approve the minutes of the September meeting as printed. M Breitenmoser/S Meehan/C to accept the Monthly Revenue & Expense Report for September as printed.

3. Reports/Discussion Items/Action Items

A. Solar Energy Design and Installation Proposal Discussion: Mr. Peck of Northwinds Renewable Energy was introduced. Board members were referred to information provided in their packet; a presentation and discussion followed. While the library would realize energy cost savings due to a reduction in commercial energy usage, as an investment, the estimated financial payback period would be quite long, in part since tax-exempt public entities cannot realize federal tax deductions for installing alternative energy solutions. However, there would be other significant benefits of a solar installation at the library; not only would it provide an educational tool for our citizens, but it would position the library as an economic driver for our city by locally demonstrating a representative model of clean energy. Board members agreed that the economic and educational benefits for our community warrant pursuing this project further. The board requested Ms. Stevens to begin conversations within our community regarding possible partnerships with this project.

B. 2015 & 2016 Budget Update: Ms. Stevens attended the all-day City budget meeting on October 16th. The City Finance Director indicated that there will be savings in both the 2015 & 2016 budget from personnel, to be reallocated into other budget line items. A more definitive amount will be available after the November City Council meeting, when the 2016 budget is approved. Ms. Stevens discussed several options for reallocation, as well as providing board members a copy of the Library Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Stevens will present a proposal for reallocation to the board at the November meeting.

C. Strategic Plan Progress Goal #4: Ms. Stevens presented staff progress on goals and objectives. Corresponding with this goal, a copy of the detailed Adult Department Marketing Network spreadsheet was presented.

D. Trustee Essential #25-Liability Issues: Ms. Stevens provided copies of Trustee Essential #25.

E. Reports from Friends/WVLS Representative: The Friends Fall Booksale is coming October 29th, 30th and 31st. The Annual Friends Appreciation Reception will be held that Thursday evening. There was no report from the WVLS Representative.

4. Forthcoming Events & Library Director Report

- September Statistical Report was presented.
- Harvest Festival marking the end of this year's Seed Library season this Saturday.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 18th at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

Stacy D. Stevens, Secretary