

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON APRIL 22, 2010 IN THE MAIN LIBRARY. BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

GAYLE CORLEY	TAMARA WALKINGSTICK	MARK WILSON
JIM METZGER	BEVERLY MASTERS	ANNETTE HERRINGTON
ARCHIE MOORE	CHERYL VINES	TYLER THOMPSON

JIMMIE LOU FISHER, ELGIN CLEMONS, LAVETA WILLS-HALE, AND STANLEY HILL WERE ABSENT. STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE BOBBY ROBERTS, LARRIE THOMPSON, JACKIE PATEL, DAVID STRICKLIN, JENNIFER CHILCOAT, LINDA BLY, SUSAN GELE, AND MADELYN GANOS.

ACTION ITEMS

1. THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING WERE APPROVED WITHOUT CORRECTION.
2. FINANCIAL REPORT

HERRINGTON REPORTED THAT TAX RECEIPTS ARE DOWN 14% BECAUSE TAX BILLS WERE LATE GOING OUT. NET ASSETS STAND AT \$75,240,551. PATEL REPORTED THAT THE AUDIT WORK IS COMPLETE AND THE REPORT IS BEING DRAFTED. A DRAFT MAY BE READY IN TIME FOR THE MAY MEETING, WITH A FINAL REPORT EXPECTED IN JUNE. IN RESPONSE TO METZGER, GELE REPORTED THAT BILLS ARE STILL BEING PAID FOR THE ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL, BUT SHE ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL NET \$4,000-\$5,000.

ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, HERRINGTON MOVED THAT THE MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT BE FILED FOR AUDIT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. CARD ELIGIBILITY CHANGES/BOARD POLICY 401

CHILCOAT REPORTED ON CHANGES TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIBRARY CARD. THE POLICY CHANGES ALSO INCLUDE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF ITEMS PATRONS CAN HAVE CHECKED OUT, BASED ON THEIR PATRON TYPE. PERSONS WITH FULL CARD PRIVILEGES MAY CONCURRENTLY HAVE CHECKED OUT UP TO 200 BOOKS, 25 AUDIO-BOOKS, FIVE DVDS, FIVE MUSIC CDS, AND 5 DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS. THOSE PERSONS WITH PROOF OF A TEMPORARY ADDRESS, SUCH AS A SHELTER, MAY HAVE A MAXIMUM OF FIVE TOTAL ITEMS, AND PERSONS WHO CANNOT SHOW ANY PROOF OF ADDRESS MAY CHECK OUT ONE ITEM AT A TIME.

WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CIRCULATION AND FEES BOARD POLICY #401, METZGER SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ROBERTS REPORTED THERE IS NO MOVEMENT ON THE TAX-PAYER REFUND COURT CASE. SINCE JUDGE TIM FOX IS RUNNING FOR A SEAT ON THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON MAY 18, NO ACTION IS EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION.

ROBERTS SAID HE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE BOND REFINANCE FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION. THE REFINANCE WOULD LOWER THE INTEREST RATE PAID BUT EXTEND THE LOAN. THE CHANGE, IF APPROVED, WOULD FINANCE SEVERAL PROJECTS: AN APPROXIMATE 1,500 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION TO THE MCMATH LIBRARY, A LAND PURCHASE IN THE HIGHWAY 10/CHENAL AREA FOR A FUTURE LIBRARY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EVER-INCREASING POPULATION IN THAT AREA, AND A PARKING SOLUTION, INCLUDING AN AUDITORIUM, ON THE MAIN LIBRARY CAMPUS. PROVIDING PARKING FOR 135 EMPLOYEES IN ADDITION TO OUR PATRONS IS A CONSTANT CHALLENGE, PART OF WHICH IS ALLEVIATED BY THE MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE OF 73 SPACES FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY-OWNED PARKING DECK. TWO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WOULD BE TO EITHER NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM SUBLEASES FROM THE HOTELS THAT HAVE OPTIONS IN THAT DECK, OR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE LITTLE ROCK CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO LEASE SPACES IN THEIR LOT. HOWEVER, A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION IS TO EITHER BUY THE LOT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CLINTON AVENUE AND CUMBERLAND STREET, OR TO BUILD A THREE-STORY SUBTERRANEAN DECK ON THE CURRENT LIBRARY LOT, TOPPED BY A 300-350 SEAT AUDITORIUM. AN AUDITORIUM OF THAT SIZE WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF BOTH LIBRARY AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS.

3. BUILDING REPORT

ROOKER LIBRARY BLY STATED THAT CURBS HAVE BEEN POURED IN THE PARKING LOT, AND SITE WORK CONTINUES TO MAKE GOOD PROGRESS. THE EXTERIOR COPPER IS HALF COMPLETE, AND THE TONGUE AND GROOVE CEILING MATERIALS ARE ON SITE.

MAIN LIBRARY WORK HAS BEGUN THIS WEEK ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO LAST 6 MONTHS. THE NEXT PHASE WILL BE WORK ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS SIMULTANEOUSLY, FOLLOWED BY RENOVATIONS ON THE FIRST AND FOURTH FLOORS.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WORK CONTINUES ON THE BUILDING DESIGN.

RFID THE TERRY LIBRARY RE-OPENED TODAY, AND WORK AT NIXON IS DUE TO BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS ROBERTS AND BLY WILL MEET WITH ARCHITECTS TODAY TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS AT THOMPSON, DEE BROWN, AND WILLIAMS LIBRARIES. THEY HAVE ALSO MET WITH ARCHITECTS TO TALK ABOUT REMODELING AND EXPANDING THE MILAM LIBRARY. WILSON COMMENTED THAT THE REPLANTING AT NIXON WAS COMPLETED THIS WEEK AND LOOKS GOOD.

4. STATISTICS

CHILCOAT REPORTED THAT THE IMPACT OF TEMPORARY BRANCH CLOSURES TO INSTALL THE **RFID** SYSTEM HAS NOT BEEN TOO BAD ON CIRCULATION, WHICH WAS UP 2% IN MARCH. ATTENDANCE WAS UP 10%. WHEN A BRANCH IS CLOSED FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, OTHER LOCATIONS CAN ABSORB SOME OF THE SLACK OF SERVICES, SUCH AS CIRCULATION AND ATTENDANCE. HOWEVER, AS EXPECTED, OTHER BRANCHES CANNOT MAKE UP FOR LOSS OF PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM ATTENDANCE, WHICH ARE BOTH DOWN SLIGHTLY. SYSTEM-WIDE, MEETING ROOM USE IS UP DUE TO THE INCREASED NUMBERS OF ROOMS AND GROUPS SERVICED AT THE ARKANSAS STUDIES INSTITUTE.

5. FOCAL/PR

GELE REPORTED THAT THE LITERARY FESTIVAL WAS A SUCCESS AND THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL EXPERIENCED SMOOTHER LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR. MORE THAN 8,200 ATTENDED OVER THE FOUR DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL, WHICH HOSTED 109 SESSIONS LED BY 91 PRESENTERS. THE ANNUAL **CALS** VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING, 6:30 PM, IN THE DARRAGH CENTER.

6. BUTLER CENTER/ASI

STRICKLIN REPORTED THAT THE RESEARCH ROOM IS EXPERIENCING ABOUT TWICE THE USE THAT IT DID WHEN THE BUTLER CENTER WAS LOCATED IN THE MAIN LIBRARY. RECENTLY, THE EOA ADDED ITS 185TH COUNTRY, THE ISLAND NATION OF VANUATU, TO ITS LIST OF VISITORS TO THE SITE. THE BUTLER CENTER WILL BE ADDING TO ITS COLLECTION THE PAPERS OF SAM DICKINSON, KNOWN AS THE FATHER OF ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGY. THE BUTLER CENTER'S KOREAN WAR PROJECT HAS BEEN GIVEN AN AWARD OF MERIT BY THE ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. SINCE IT WAS STARTED IN 2008, THE PROJECT HAS COLLECTED 30 ORAL HISTORIES FROM ARKANSAS KOREAN WAR VETS, AND HUNDREDS OF DOCUMENTS.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS FOR APRIL.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:45 P.M.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY