

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THE MARCH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON MARCH 25, 2010 IN THE MAIN LIBRARY. BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

GAYLE CORLEY	TAMARA WALKINGSTICK	MARK WILSON
JIM METZGER	BEVERLY MASTERS	LAVETA WILLS-HALE
ARCHIE MOORE	STANLEY HILL	CHERYL VINES
TYLER THOMPSON		

ANNETTE HERRINGTON, JIMMIE LOU FISHER, AND ELGIN CLEMONS WERE ABSENT. STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE BOBBY ROBERTS, LARRIE THOMPSON, JACKIE PATEL, DAVID STRICKLIN, AND MADELYN GANOS.

ACTION ITEMS

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

ROBERTS REPORTED FOR HERRINGTON. TAX RECEIPTS ARE DOWN SLIGHTLY THROUGH MARCH. THE PULASKI COUNTY ASSESSOR PROJECTS A 2% GROWTH IN PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2010. ROBERTS REPORTED THAT \$600,000 WAS DEPOSITED INTO A MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR THE 2008 PROPERTY TAX REFUND AND ANOTHER \$100,000 WILL BE DEPOSITED IN APRIL. ROBERTS HOPES TO HAVE \$1.5 MILLION BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ROBERTS SAID SAVINGS FROM THE ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS IS SLOW TO BE REALIZED BUT WILL BE MORE APPARENT AS WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SHUTTING DOWN THE AEROSPACE LIBRARY, AND DELAY OPENING THE ROOKER LIBRARY TO THE END OF THE YEAR. AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY, OPENING HOURS MAY BE CHANGED AND THERE WILL BE SHORT PERIODS OF TOTAL SHUT-DOWN.

THE TAXPAYER REFUND LAWSUIT IS CURRENTLY AT A STANDSTILL. JUDGE TIM FOX HAS YET TO SET A HEARING DATE TO DECIDE ON THE PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED TAX CREDIT REMEDY. ROBERTS PREDICTS THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF COURT HEARINGS BEFORE BOTH SIDES

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AGREE TO A REPAYMENT PLAN. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THOMPSON, ROBERTS REPORTED THAT THE LIBRARY HAS SPENT ABOUT \$40,000 IN LEGAL FEES ON THE CASE SO FAR.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS. HOWEVER, METZGER INQUIRED ABOUT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S MEETING WITH REGIONS BANK, WHICH WAS RECENTLY SELECTED TO HANDLE CALS' FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. PATEL REPORTED THAT FISHER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SERVICE. SHE HAS BEEN IMPRESSED SO FAR, PARTICULARLY WITH THEIR INTEREST IN HELPING THE LIBRARY PROMOTE THE ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL AT BANK BRANCH LOCATIONS, AND PROVIDING BANK EMPLOYEES TO VOLUNTEERS AT THE FESTIVAL.

ROBERTS PLANS TO PROPOSE SOME CHANGES TO THE BANK SELECTION POLICY, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS, AND THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING A PRESENCE IN AT LEAST THREE OF CALS' FIVE SERVICE AREAS.

3. BUILDING REPORT

ROOKER LIBRARY ROBERTS REPORTED FOR BLY. THIS HAS BEEN AN EASY PROJECT SO FAR, WITH ONLY TWO CHANGE ORDERS. HE ANTICIPATES COMPLETION AND LEED CERTIFICATION BY LATE MAY. BOOKS ARE BEING ORDERED.

MAIN LIBRARY WORK WILL BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MONTHS.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY THIS PROJECT IS STILL IN THE INITIAL DRAWING STAGE, WITH A PROPOSED PARTIAL DIRT ROOF IF FUNDING ALLOWS.

RFID THE RFID PROJECT CONTINUES, WITH DEE BROWN CONVERSION TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

McMATH WITH AN INTEREST IN POSSIBLE EXPANSION, ROBERTS HAS ORDERED ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS FOR AN OUTSIDE AMPHITHEATER AND BUILDING EXPANSION, IF FINANCES PERMIT.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM WILSON ABOUT THE NIXON LIBRARY LANDSCAPING, ROBERTS REPORTED THAT CALS' LANDSCAPING STAFF HAS TAKEN OVER THE PROJECT, AND WILL BEGIN PLANTING NEW TREES IN APRIL.

4. STATISTICS

ROBERTS REPORTED FOR CHILCOAT. CIRCULATION IS HOLDING EVEN, HOWEVER WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE CONSTANT INCREASE WE HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE LAST SEVEN

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YEARS. LIBRARY CLOSURES FOR RFID CONVERSION AND WEATHER HAVE HAD SOME IMPACT, BUT CIRCULATION IS STILL STRONG. SINCE OVERDRIVE SERVICE HAS BEEN OFFERED, OVER 1,200 CHECKOUTS HAVE BEEN RECORDED, AND ABOUT 50 TITLES A MONTH ARE ADDED TO THE SERVICE.

5. FOCAL/PR

ROBERTS REPORTED FOR GELE. FOCAL MADE A RECORD \$29,224 DURING THE MARCH BOOK SALE. BOOKENDS CAFÉ IS BREAKING EVEN, AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT PRESENCE IN THE COX BUILDING. THE 7TH ANNUAL ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8-11. THE AUTHOR PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00 PM, IN CONCORDIA HALL AT THE ARKANSAS STUDIES INSTITUTE. THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 6:30 PM, IN THE DARRAGH CENTER. CALS IS CO-SPONSORING, ALONG WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS' WALTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, A SERIES OF PROGRAMS, "HOW CAN I AFFORD RETIREMENT?" THE SERIES IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL AND MAY AT FLETCHER AND TERRY LIBRARIES. A POETRY PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15, 6:30 PM, IN THE DARRAGH CENTER. "THE LANGUAGE OF CONSERVATION" PROGRAM IS A GRANT INITIATIVE SPONSORED BY POETS HOUSE TO PARTNER ZOOS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE.

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STRICKLIN REPORTED THAT FINAL REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE TO THE CONCORDIA HALL FLOORS, WHICH WERE DAMAGED BY A DECEMBER WATER LEAK. EVENTS MAY NOW BE SCHEDULED IN THE SPACE AND HE WILL BE SEEKING DONORS TO CONVERT THE AREA TO MUSEUM SPACE. THE FIRST DONATION WAS A \$5,000 GIFT FROM UNION PACIFIC. 4 SQUARE GIFTS, LOCATED IN THE RETAIL SPACE ON PRESIDENT CLINTON AVENUE, IS OPEN AND DOING WELL.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

WALKINGSTICK INVITED EVERYONE TO A NATURAL FOODS PROGRAM SHE IS DOING AT THE PLANT, BULB AND SEED EXCHANGE EVENT AT MILAM LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 10:00 AM TO NOON.

THOMPSON PRESENTED A COPY OF HIS NEW BOOK, *PEACE FLOWING LIKE A RIVER*, COMPILED ESSAYS AND LETTERS OF KEN HICKS, A METHODIST BISHOP. IT IS PUBLISHED BY PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PRESS.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:05 P.M.

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