

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

THE MAY MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON MAY 27, 2010 IN THE MAIN LIBRARY. BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

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

JIMMIE LOU FISHER, ELGIN CLEMONS, LAVETA WILLS-HALE, STANLEY HILL, AND CHERYL VINES 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 APRIL MEETING WERE APPROVED WITHOUT CORRECTION.
2. FINANCIAL REPORT

HERRINGTON REPORTED THAT NET ASSETS STAND AT \$74,698,945. TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW A YEAR-TO-DATE LOSS OF 2.3%, BUT A BIG TAX PAYMENT WILL BE COMING IN MAY. PATEL REPORTED THAT SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED A DRAFT OF THE 2009 AUDIT REPORT, BASED ON UNADJUSTED NUMBERS. A FINAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION ARE EXPECTED FOR THE JUNE MEETING. RFID PROJECT EXPENDITURES ARE CURRENTLY AT \$1,149,304. CONVERSIONS WILL RESUME AFTER A SHORT SUMMER BREAK AT MAUMELLE, WILLIAMS, MILAM, AND THE MAIN LIBRARY. IN RESPONSE TO BOARD INQUIRY, ROBERTS SAID WE ARE CURRENTLY ON TRACK TO ABSORB THE LOSS OF THE TAX REPAYMENT. CAPS ON REAPPRAISALS MAY NEGATIVELY AFFECT INCOME IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 12 POSITIONS FROZEN. THE IMPACT OF THE SAVINGS DUE TO THOSE POSITIONS WILL COME IN TIME. IN RESPONSE TO BOARD INQUIRY, ROBERTS SAID WE HAVE ABOUT \$5,000 TO COLLECT FOR THE LITERARY FESTIVAL, AND NUMBERS ARE STILL BEING FIGURED.

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

3. PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FIVE EMPLOYEES ON CoLR PLAN
WHEN CALS OPTED OUT OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK'S RETIREMENT PLAN IN OCTOBER 2001, FIVE LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES WERE ALLOWED TO STAY ON THE CITY'S PLAN, WHICH

WAS A MORE FAVORABLE DEFINED-BENEFIT PROGRAM. THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE .5% ANNUAL PENSION INCREASES THAT OTHER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HAVE RECEIVED SINCE 2004. IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE THE FIVE AFFECTED EMPLOYEES, CALS PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A JOHN HANCOCK PENSION ACCOUNT FOR EACH OF THEM WITH AN INITIAL PAYMENT OF 10.5% OF THE EMPLOYEE'S GROSS SALARY. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010, 3.5% OF THE EMPLOYEES' GROSS SALARY WILL BE PUT INTO THEIR JOHN HANCOCK ACCOUNTS, IN ADDITION TO THE 4% THEY WILL RECEIVE IN THEIR COLR PLANS.

THOMPSON MOVED THAT CALS ESTABLISH JOHN HANCOCK PENSION ACCOUNTS FOR THE FIVE EMPLOYEES ON THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK'S PLAN, WITH AN INITIAL DEPOSIT OF 10.5% AND ANNUAL INCREASES COMMENSURATE WITH THOSE RECEIVED BY OTHER FULL-TIME STAFF. WILSON SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CHILCOAT REPORTED THAT THE FIRST ITEMS WERE RECENTLY RETURNED WITH THE RFID TAG RIPPED OUT. A REPLACEMENT COST OF 50¢ WAS PROPOSED.

CORLEY MOVED TO ESTABLISH A 50¢ RFID TAG REPLACEMENT FEE. MASTERS SECONDED, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ROBERTS REPORTED THERE IS STILL NO MOVEMENT ON THE TAXPAYER REFUND COURT CASE. WITH \$800,000 IN THE ESCROW ACCOUNT, HE HOPES THERE WILL BE A HEARING FOR A REMEDY SOON. CIRCULATION IS DOWN THE FIRST TIME IN SEVEN YEARS, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF THE RFID PROJECT. IT IS CURRENTLY DOWN 2%, AND HE PREDICTS SIMILAR IMPACT AGAIN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR MAY.

3. BUILDING REPORT

ROOKER LIBRARY BLY STATED THAT CEILING DECKING, FLOORING, AND LANDSCAPING ARE BEING WORKED ON. THE LEED COMMISSIONING WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL STEP, BUT SHE EXPECTS WORK TO PROGRESS SMOOTHLY.

MAIN LIBRARY WORK IS UNDERWAY ON THE 5TH FLOOR, AND FRAMING ON THE THIRD FLOOR FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION AREA IS DONE. CONSTRUCTION IS CURRENTLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WALKINGSTICK ASSISTED STAFF WITH A SITE VISIT TO HELP IDENTIFY TREES TO BE REMOVED OR SAVED. A SPACE LAYOUT HAS BEEN SETTLED ON, BUT DESIGN CONTINUES. DISCUSSION WILL RESUME ON LEED CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

4. STATISTICS

CHILCOAT REPORTED THAT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE IS UP 18% SYSTEMWIDE. MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE IS UP 39%, DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE ADDITIONAL MEETING ROOMS AT THE ASI BUILDING. AEROSPACE WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS FOR THE FINAL TIME TODAY. ITEMS FROM THE COLLECTION ARE BEING EVALUATED AND REASSIGNED.

5. FOCAL/PR

GELE REPORTED THAT CALS IS SPONSORING OVER 350 PROGRAMS IN JUNE, MANY OF WHICH ARE PART OF SUMMER READING CLUB, INCLUDING LIBRARY NIGHT AT THE ARKANSAS TRAVELERS ON JUNE 10, AND THE FISHING DERBY IN SHERWOOD ON JUNE 26. RIVER MARKET BOOKS & GIFTS WILL BE HAVING A 25% OFF SALE ALL DURING THE MONTH ON MYSTERIES. WORK IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY ON PLANNING CALS' CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS. HERRINGTON HAS AGREED TO BE CHAIR OF THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF CURRENT AND PAST BOARD MEMBERS. HERRINGTON INVITED EVERYONE TO THE FIRST EVENT SCHEDULED, THE DARRAGH LECTURE FEATURING BOOK APPRAISER ALAN STYPECK AND LESLIE SINGER ON JULY 8, 6:30 IN THE DARRAGH CENTER.

6. BUTLER CENTER/ASI

STRICKLIN REPORTED THAT THE EOA ADDED THE 186TH COUNTRY, TUVALU, TO ITS LIST OF VISITORS. HE THANKED THOMPSON FOR THE DONATION OF HIS COLLECTION FROM THE REGIONAL AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK (RAIN). THE KOREAN WAR CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE BUTLER CENTER ON MAY 22 WAS A SUCCESS. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE 95 ATTENDEES WERE VETERANS. THE ASI BUILDING WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED THE RECIPIENT OF AN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AWARD FOR THE GULF COAST REGION, AS WELL AS AN AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF STEEL CONSTRUCTION.

5/27/10 - 4

7. OTHER BUSINESS

THROUGH WALKINGSTICK, WILLS-HALE THANKED THE BOARD AND STAFF FOR THE PLANT THAT WAS SENT FOR HER FATHER'S RECENT FUNERAL. FISHER IS DOING WELL AT HOME AFTER BACK SURGERY.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:45 P.M.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY