Bristol Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

December 20, 2012 701 Goode Street Bristol, VA

Pete Lauzon, President, called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m. A quorum was present. Everyone was welcomed.

Trustees present: Beverly Bowers, Gayle Brown, Erin Downs, Margaret Feierabend, Ed Harlow, Julian Hernandez, Joyce Kistner, Pete Lauzon, Walter Morton, and Katherine Wilson-Thompson.

Trustees absent: Jessica Harosky, Drew Murray, and Emily O'Quinn.

Library staff present: Jud Barry, Executive Director; Brenda Dunn, Administrative Assistant.

Library Foundation staff present: None.

Holston River Regional Library staff present: None.

Guests present: Alex Thompson.

The Board presented Alex Thompson and Erin Downs with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Library Board. Books were also added to the collection in their honor. "The Meowmorphosis" by Franz Kafka and Coleridge Cook was added for Alex, and "The Graves are walking" by John Kelly was added for Erin. Although Megan Hopkins was not present the book "Paint it Black" by Janet Fitch was added to the collection as well.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting were approved as emailed (Ed, Beverly).

Treasurer's Report: Ed went over the Finance Committee minutes as handed out (on file).

Unfinished Business: By-Laws Change Regarding Program Committee: This change was presented at the last meeting for a vote at this meeting. The By-Laws Change was approved unanimously by the Board (Ed, Joyce). Gayle reported the first meeting of the Committee will be on January 10, 2013 at 4:00 in the Conference room and will focus on The Young Adult Department.

New Business: None.

Executive Director's Report: (Report on file). Jud added a presentation was made concerning ALL to the Bristol, TN, City Council on Tuesday and was well received. Also, he had spoken with the Washington County Public Library Director about a possible shared Branch Library at Exit 7. Discussion followed. Although they are focusing on a new Main Library for Washington County right now they are open to the possibility. The Benchmarking evaluation was also discussed. Margaret asked about the work on the roof at Avoca and also that Avoca updates be included in his reporting.

HRRL Report: None. Jud reported there are major changes coming with the Courier Service starting in January that will extend the service Statewide.

Information: It was suggested that monthly training on how e-book downloads are done and how to use other online services be done as well.

12 20 12 11/15/12 Minutes 1 The next Board meeting will be on January 17, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. at Main.

The meeting adjourned-at 5:40 p.m.

Pete Lauzon, President (

Gayle Brown, Secretary

Brenda Dunn, Recording Secretary