

**Bristol Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
August 18, 2011  
701 Goode Street Bristol, VA

Emily O'Quinn, President, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Board Members and Staff were welcomed.

Trustees present: Beverly Bowers, Gayle Brown, Margaret Feierabend, Joyce Kistner, Emily O'Quinn, Pete Lauzon, Mike Parker (4:46) Alex Thompson, and Katherine Wilson-Thompson.

Trustees absent: Erin Downs, Ed Harlow, and Megan Hopkins.

Library staff present: Jud Barry, Executive Director; Brenda Dunn, Administrative Assistant; Joyce McCracken, Building Manager; Christian Trombetta, Digital Services Librarian.

Library Foundation staff present: Anita Machado, Executive Director; and Sarah Hutchinson, Marketing Director.

Watauga Regional Library staff present: None.

Guests present: None.

**Approval of Minutes:** The July 21, 2011 minutes were approved (Joyce, Beverly).

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business: Consideration of Policy Change to Allow Alcohol Sales by Library Foundation:** Jud reported the Meeting Room policy does not allow alcohol to be served anywhere on the premises at any time, which would include the plaza where the Library Foundation had last month requested to operate a beer garden during Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion. The Board would need to waive or change the policy in order to allow this. The Library Foundation will not be operating the beer garden this year, but may next year or have other fundraising opportunities if they were allowed to serve alcohol on the premises. This could also be done on a case by case basis. Discussion followed. Anita stated she would discuss this with the Foundation board and would bring this back as a recommendation from them.

**Executive Director's Report:** As emailed (on file). Jud reported the Board Development Committee would meet again before the next meeting, and that the Ellen Hopkins and James Howe events were a great success. Christian updated the board on bandwidth, stating we now have the maximum download speed and the upload speed is 25 times faster than before.

**Strategic Plan Focus:** Jud stated Joyce McCracken, the Building Manager has a diverse job keeping the site clean and functioning, setting up the meeting room and assisting with gallery emplacement. Joyce reported on "A day in my life at the Library" in which she went over a normal day dealing with equipment, inside and outside cleanup, and various unmentionable messes. Emily thanked her for sharing this with the board.

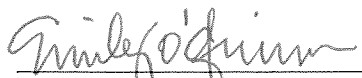
**WRL Report:** None.

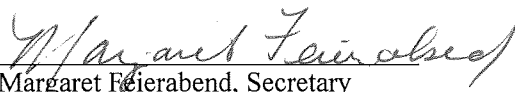
**Friends of the Library Report:** None.

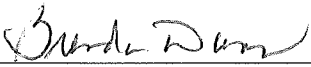
Emily mentioned an online article about the microfilm of the Bristol newspaper donated to us by King College. We now have the Bristol Herald Courier back to 1911 and the Bristol News Bulletin to 1865. The newspaper is telling us we hold their history in our hands, and they will be using our microfilm for their research. Copies of BPL T[W]EENS flyer were handed out. Anita reported Pam is doing a wonderful job. The Ellen Hopkins event was well attended, with librarians from Tennessee High, Virginia High, John Battle, and one from Charlotte, NC. Forty teens also attended a dinner with Ellen Hopkins. Joyce asked if there would be a Gallery report at the next meeting. Jud stated there should be, the Committee has met and have application from five exhibitors already for 2012.

The next board meeting will be on September 15, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

  
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Emily O'Quinn, President

  
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Margaret Feierabend, Secretary

  
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Brenda Dunn, Recording Secretary