

Richmond County Public Library
Minutes–January 13, 2009

Members present:

Jane Kemper Mercer O'Hara
Ed Marks Margaret Kurtz
Vivian Davis Sally King
Tommy Neuman

Also present:

Becky Marks, Friends of the Library President
Cherie Carl, Dean of Learning Resources
Felicia Purdey, Librarian
Linda Taylor, Library

J. Kemper called meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed all.

T. Neuman moved to accept the December 9, 2008 minutes as presented. S. King seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson of the Finance Committee, M. Kurtz, reported a balance of \$61,999.17. M. Kurtz moved to grant Mrs. Sanders, Treasurer of Richmond County, permission to purchase \$5750 Cash on Deposit which are the proceeds from the fundraiser. T. Neuman seconded. Motion carried.

Concerning payments processed through Mrs. Sanders, members requested a monthly detailed report. F. Purdey noted payment requests are accompanied with paperwork including performer contracts.

C. Carl presented a transfer request of \$38,559.75 whereas, \$15,712.25 would be used to pay the third installment of the library services contract fee and the remainder of \$22,847.50 would be used to purchase materials and computer equipment. E. Marks moved to accept the transfer amount. M. Kurtz seconded. Motion carried.

T. Neuman moved to accept the 1/13/09 expenditure spreadsheet as presented. E. Marks seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Long Range Plan -- E. Marks, T. Neuman, S. King and C. Carl agreed to set up a meeting for discussion.

Bylaw revision -- M. O'Hara distributed and compared copies of the current By-Laws with a revised draft. Members acknowledged the tremendous effort she had provided. M. O'Hara will incorporate the suggestions given and present another draft for review at the next meeting. J. Kemper intends to keep this item on the agenda every meeting from now through Spring until we get a final form.

M. O'Hara would revise the Board of Trustees list. L. Taylor would include Bill Duncanson concerning meeting reminders. V. Davis would ensure publicizing meeting information in the local newspaper.

Library Report -- C. Carl distributed copies of the information submitted to the Board of Supervisors concerning the 2009–2010 Budget Request. A 10% increase was requested. C. Carl distributed a list of titles purchased YTD for the public library.

Outreach – F. Purdey reported great success with the Santa Visit as over 220 people were in attendance. She acknowledged Markee Huffman, Francene Thompson, Frosty the Snowman and Buzzie the Clown for their special participation. F. Purdey continues her senior outreach and noted a new audio player would soon be available for handicapped patrons. Also, she would like to coordinate with Ruth Greene a Computer Basics class and would report her findings at the next meeting. Concerning Women's History Month, she has contracted with the Library of Virginia for a 6 week exhibit. Felicia noted she had been in touch with Bernie Myers, anyone wishing contact information, please see her. Also in March, F. Purdey and C. Carl plan to attend a Story Hour seminar designed to help improve story hours.

Report from FOL – B. Marks reported the next FOL meeting would be January 15, 2009. Also, an honorarium of \$50.00 that had been given to a Book N Author guest had been returned to the library and would be used to purchase historical books for children.

Tour for Town Council – V. Davis reported Billy Herbert contacted Wayne Williams concerning an invitation for a tour of the library. Mr. Williams would address the Town Council at their January 15 meeting and would advise B. Herbert of the decision. The board would then be contacted.

New Business:

Resignation of Board Member -- It was with deep regret that members accepted Billy Herbert's resignation. His valuable contributions were acknowledged and the board wished him well.

Members suggested names to be considered for the vacant position. J. Kemper would make individual contact and report back to the board.

Announcements :

J. Kemper and S. King would not be available for the February 10th meeting, E. Marks agreed to preside.

J. Kemper declared the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.