

Fayetteville Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 18, 2014, 4 pm
Minutes
Prepared by S. Daniel, Office Manager

Library Board of Trustees present: K. Agee, S. Clark, S. Graham, M. Rice, H. Garner

Library Board of Trustees absent: B. Boudreaux

Staff present: D. Johnson, S. Foley, S. Daniel, S. Davis, B. Holt, L. Greenwood, W. Fitzgibbon, L. Yandell, S. Palmer

Others: V. Chadick, Janine Parry

Press: Rose Ann Pearce

- I. The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by K. Agee.
- II. Minutes of June 16, 2014: **M. Rice moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 regular meeting; H. Garner seconded. All voted AYE.**
- III. Reports:
 - A. Management Reports
 - i. Key upcoming events: Roots Festival runs August 28-31. FPL expansion input meetings are September 4, 5, and 6; Jeffrey Scherer will attend. Saving Money Makes Cents, Year 2 commences in September and continues through November. Jim and Nancy Blair will host an evening of Cocktails and Conversation for the Roberta Fulbright Society on September 16. Dan Robinson's documentary *The Lens to the Soul: The Photography of Andrew Kilgore* will premiere on September 27. True Lit is October 1-5. LeVar Burton will be here October 22 and Karl Marlantes will speak to the Gathering of the Groups.
 - ii. June-July Strategic Plan progress: Collection size is approaching 300,000 items.
 - iii. July 2014 Performance Measures: FPL's quarterly reports to the city provide a longer-term view of the trends for check-outs and program attendance.
 - iv. Summer Reading Club results for 2014: L. Greenwood distributed statistics for summer reading club participation. In 1998, program attendance was 1907; this year it was 18,176 – an increase of 853%. In 1998, reading club participants numbered 809; this year we had 4953 – a 512% increase.
 - B. Financial reports
 - i. Balance sheet as of July 31, 2014: Checking/savings total was \$3.5 million. Expenses are ahead of budget at this point; the gap will close by the end of the year.
 - ii. Budget to actual as of July 31, 2014: The financial statements show more detail than in the past because each department's expenses are presented separately. Five years of data are being uploaded to Blackbaud, the new accounting software. The go-live date is 01/01/2015.
 - iii. Update on City of Fayetteville Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) process: The library requested \$4.7 million in projects; the city was able to fund \$2.7 million. This represents a \$150,000-\$200,000 increase over previous iterations of the city's capital improvement plan.
- IV. Old business
 - A. Update on purchase of City Hospital: V. Chadick noted Washington Regional has filed its quiet title petition in Circuit Court; a hearing at the end of September is anticipated. Washington Regional has searched for and served a number of Stone Family heirs in various states; they have 30 days to answer. Washington Regional wants heirs to respond so the case is decided on the merits. This would preclude an heir attempting to re-open the case in the future. While it has taken considerable time, WRMC is trying to quiet the title correctly so it can provide FPL with a warranty deed and insurable title. Washington Regional will use the proceeds from the sale for the benefit of the city's hospital, according to the terms of the original gift.
 - i. FPL nominated for 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service by Congressman Steve Womack: This medal honors outstanding libraries and museums that make exceptional contributions to their communities. Winners are announced in the spring of 2015 and are honored at an award ceremony in Washington, D.C.
 - ii. Agreement in principle with Skip Rutherford: If the library were to build an auditorium, Rutherford would view FPL as the NWA hub for the Clinton School of Public Service Speakers. Nationally known, these speakers charge only travel expenses.
 - iii. FPL's PIXAR story: Daniel Pinks latest book, *To Sell Is Human* makes the point that all stories break down into a series of simple steps beginning with "Once upon a time" and ending with "Until finally." The library's various departments collaborated on Fayetteville Public Library's PIXAR story.

