

## CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Regular Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Bagley, in the meeting room at the Main Library at 4:00 p.m. Board members attending virtually were Wendy Thomas, Betty Barrett and David Amsbary, and Charles Bagley was present in person. Marsha Moses was absent. Staff members Sara Ramezani, David Owens, Breana Bowen, Kista Black, and Rob Davis; Bill Patton, President of the Friends, and Judy Rule, Director, also attended.

Betty Barrett moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

David Amsbary moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Banks for May: checks numbered 56491 through 56599 totaling \$234,524.86, Smart Tax of \$56,490.96, and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$10,634.67, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35545 through 35567 and vouchers numbered 42559 through 42848 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$195,504.54 for a total expenditure of \$497,155.03 from the regular account. There were two checks written from the construction account in the amount of \$183,100.01. The total amount of checks written was \$680,255.04. Voted and passed.

Reports included the following:

- David Owens presented a report on the inventory project the library is working to complete. He stated there are three reasons for doing an inventory and found that the loss rate at CCPL was very favorable to the national numbers.
- Breana Bowen, speaking in her role as President of WVLA, asked the Library Board for suggestions of programs they would be interested in attending at the Fall Conference at Glade Springs.
- Judy Rule reported that circulation was still down from the pandemic, but staff is working to improve the number of people coming into the library and the number checking out materials.
- An email was received from Chris Tatum stating that Barboursville was withholding their support of the library for the next four years because they had to pay to replace two sewer lines that would have run under the new library building at a cost of \$32,000.00.
- The income from the County Commission will be over \$130,000 what was estimated. This means we should have a sizeable check from the Board of Education in August.

Construction of the new Barboursville Library has had a few set-backs recently. A new construction schedule has not been released but there have been problems with the measuring of placement of the walls, the size of rebar used, and some other changes that were not approved by the structural engineers. Phoebe is working to correct these problems. By the next meeting we should have a better understanding of where we are in the construction process. The concern is that all the subcontractors are going to be there at the same time and that may cause problems as the space is not very large.

The third request has been made to the National Endowment for the Humanities making a total of \$862,189.63 raised and certified toward the \$1.2 M match that was required. Assuming that all that we certified will be approved, we are left to raise \$337,810.37 prior to March 2022. Of that

amount we have pledged about \$75,000.00 from individuals and businesses, \$42,000.00 in the equalization money from the Board of Education and the proceeds from Audra Kaye's estate. The realtor has received an offer of \$80,000 for her house with the closing in 30 days. It seems that with the legal help from Kevin Barrett, Lawyer Bailey is moving the process along. Hopefully the estate will be settled shortly after the closing on the house. Our 60 percent of the estate should be between \$100,000 and \$150,000 which can all go toward the match. We need to raise between \$100,000 and \$130,000 before the end of March to meet our match and that should be doable.

We have paid E. P. Leach \$1,185,560.20 so far. The Giving Tree has generated \$16,508.22 so far. The odd dollars and cents are most likely due to donations going through PayPal which does not generate the full amount for the Library.

David Amsbary moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve the second revision to the 2020-2021 budget. Voted and passed.


Betty Barrett moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to pay \$390,000 to WesBanco against the \$600,000+ that we have borrowed so far. Voted and passed.

Betty Barrett moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to not require masks for all people coming to the library after the "mask mandate" is lifted by the Governor on June 20. Signs will read that masks are not required but for unvaccinated people they are recommended. Voted and passed.

David Amsbary suggested that the library pursue the possibility of getting a banner over one of the streets announcing the Library winning of the National Medal. There is a banner announcing the Marshall Soccer Team winning the national title.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Judy K. Rule, Secretary

  
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Charles Bagley, President