

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 12, 2009

PRESENT: Mr. Larry Yates
Mrs. Betty Bolling
Mrs. Iloe Stallard
Mrs. Paxton Allgyer
Mrs. Barbara Edwards
Mrs. Betty Humphreys
Mrs. Mary Hylton
Ms. Melanie Jorgensen
Mrs. Donna Meade

ABSENT: Ms. Brenda Johnson
Mrs. Tilda Pope

Others Present: Amy Bond, Julie Short, and Heather Fultz.

The regular meeting of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees was held Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wise County Public Library. No Board meeting was held in January due to inclement weather.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Yates. Mrs. Hylton made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Bolling seconded and the motion carried.

II. There were no citizens to speak.

III. Mrs. Hylton made the motion to approve the December 4, 2008 minutes as presented. Mrs. Edwards seconded and the motion carried.

IV. No Finance Committee meeting was held due to the late date of the February Board meeting; monthly payables were reviewed and paid prior to the Board meeting by Mrs. Short and Ms. Bond.

Mrs. Short reported the following check numbers for December:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	29869	29983
Payroll	22901	22992

Mrs. Short reported the following check numbers for January:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	29984	30066
Payroll	22993	23084

Mrs. Stallard made a motion to accept Mrs. Short's report as presented. Mrs. Hylton seconded; the motion carried.

V. Ms. Bond reported on the following matters:

Lonesome Pine Regional Library has signed a contract for comprehensive insurance coverage with the Virginia Municipal League; the coverage will begin in March.

Trustees were referred to information concerning State Aid. There are no additional reductions in the Governor's proposed budget; however, there is still a possibility that legislators could decrease the projected amount.

Ms. Bond reported that she had been in contact with Mr. Abbott, and that he will only be available for legal matters via phone.

The Wise County Public Library and Scott County Public Library have been awarded Great Stories Club Grants.

All Lonesome Pine branches participated in the Snuggle with a Book Winter Reading Program.

The Larry D. Yates Childrens Area Dedication was held at the Haysi Community Library on December 31, 2008.

The Haysi Community Library is hosting the Looking at Lincoln Exhibit; the exhibit can be viewed through February 17.

The Executive Committee approved the Haysi Friends of the Library's request to hold "Penny Wars" and "Penny Jars" fundraisers.

A portion of the roof of the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library in Clintwood, which is original to the building from the 1970's, is badly in need of repair/replacement. Ms. Bond has been in contact with Mark Vanover, Dickenson County Administrator, concerning the matter; he requested that Ms. Bond also seek private funds if possible due to the economic climate. Cost estimates are being obtained; Ms. Bond will discuss the matter further with Mr. Vanover after the estimates are received. She will report her findings to the Board.

Ms. Bond presented Lonesome Pine's FY2007-08 Annual Report for Trustee information. She noted that there had been an overall 5% increase in circulation system-wide.

Ms. Bond brought a matter to the Board's attention for discussion. Ms. Bond reminded Trustees that in 2007 the law concerning weapons in libraries changed allowing private citizens to carry firearms in public libraries. Lonesome Pine's policy currently lists carrying weapons as a prohibited activity. The Board discussed the matter at the time the law changed, and it was the recommendation of the attorney at that time to leave the Library's policy as it was. Ms. Bond explained that there was a minor incident at one of Lonesome Pine's branches recently and staff members were unsure how to handle the situation. Ms. Bond feels that the Library's policy now needs to be updated so staff can respond to incidents appropriately. Ms. Bond distributed two draft policy revisions to prohibit the public from carrying weapons in libraries except as permitted by law and to prohibit staff from carrying weapons to work regardless of possession of a valid permit to do so. It was the consensus of

the Board for Ms. Bond to seek legal advice to see if her proposed revisions would be appropriate.

Ms. Bond updated the Board on the latest information concerning the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act which requires that all children's books be tested for lead and phthalates. The American Library Association is still seeking to exempt libraries from the law. An announcement was made on February 3, 2009 that a stay on implementation of the Act is granted until February 10, 2010. Ms. Bond explained that her understanding of the matter is that, if libraries are not exempted, after February 2010 existing library books and materials would have to be tested by independent labs for lead and phthalates before they could be used by children. Ms. Bond will keep the Board updated on the matter.

Mrs. Short informed Trustees of several upcoming Big Read events. The book chosen for this year's Big Read is *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. A *Star Spangled Cabaret* Dinner Theater will be held April 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hotel Norton. "Home Sweet Home" Pioneer Jamborees will be held in each county on April 25. A storytelling performance by Donald Davis is tentatively scheduled for May 14. The Crooked Road Royalty exhibit will be at the Wise County Public Library in April and the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library in Clintwood in May. Musical Styles Along the Crooked Road will be exhibited at the Wise library in May. Dale Jett, the grandson of A.P. Carter, is schedule to perform at the Wise library on April 19 and at the Clintwood library on May 3. Many other events including genealogy programs/displays, photo exhibits, oral history projects, book discussions, film series presentations, etc. are also planned.

VI. There were no Reports of Committees.

VII. There was no Unfinished Business.

VIII. Ms. Bond presented the FY2009-10 proposed budget for Trustee approval. Ms. Bond recommended that because of the economic climate and indications from preliminary discussions with county administrators, requesting anything above level funding is not realistic. Administration was able to craft a level-funded budget and factor in a 3% COLA by maximizing cost savings in the following areas:

- ❖ Ongoing staff cutbacks; as attrition occurs a number of full-time positions have been reduced to part-time or not rehired.
- ❖ A significant savings occurred by switching to the Virginia Municipal League for comprehensive insurance coverage.
- ❖ Travel has been reduced.
- ❖ The recent decrease in gasoline prices lowered the Library's projection for gasoline expenses.
- ❖ The classes which Branch Managers are taking at UVA-Wise will be ending next year; training will be done primarily in-house or over the Web.
- ❖ A restructure of Mailbox Library operations is recommended with the transfer of 2 part-time positions to Wise County Public Library to fill a staffing deficit. Quality Mailbox Library services will still be provided to patrons.
- ❖ The Connect Rose Hill grant will end in June. This grant allowed the Rose Hill Community Library and computer center to be open 42 hours per week, made the existing part-time employee full-time, and allowed an additional part-time employee to be hired. Prior to the grant the Rose Hill library was open 15 hours per week with

one part-time employee. Ms. Bond has spoken with the Lee County Administrator concerning the situation and he has expressed his regret that the County will not be in a position to provide an increased funding appropriation at the level currently provided through the grant. Ms. Bond is proposing that operations at Rose Hill be cut back to 16 hours per week staffed by the original part-time employee. Mrs. Humphreys made a motion to proceed with the budget as presented. Mrs. Bolling seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Bond requested that all branches be permitted to close on Saturday, April 25 for the Big Read Jamborees. She explained that all available public staff members will be needed to help with the Jamborees. Mrs. Bolling made a motion to close all branches on April 25 for the Big Read Jamborees. Mrs. Hylton seconded. The motion carried.

The Friends of the C. Bascom Slep Memorial Library requested permission to sponsor a weekend book sale on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1 as a fundraiser. Mrs. Allgyer made a motion to approve the fundraiser. Mrs. Bolling seconded. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hylton made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bolling seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman