

Putnam County Library Board of Trustees Minutes
September 12, 2017

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Laura Clemons at 4:31 pm.

Board Members attending: Laura Clemons, Harry Ingle, Cindy Putman, Alicia Senn, Brian Payne, Larry Garrett, Daniel Rader

PCL Staff attending: Brian Page, Stacie Netherton, Phil Schaller, Doyleene Farley, Chelsea Gifford

Others in attendance: Matthew Kirby (FWRRL), Amanda Yother (FWRRL), Andrea Batson (PCL Friends)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the August 8th Board Meeting were approved pending changes mentioned by Harry Ingle by a motion from Alicia Senn, seconded by Harry Ingle, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: The current budget is over on the phone line because e-rate has not yet been reimbursed. The Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion from Larry Garrett, seconded by Brian Payne, motion carried.

Public Comment: N/A

Old Business: *Discussion of Board requested research on Sex Offender Ban* – Daniel Rader suggested adopting wording of the Knox County Public Library policy on sex offenders in the library. Per the request of the Board, Stacie Netherton will be contacting Jeff Jones for the position of the county attorney on these matters, Laura Clemons will contact Sheriff Eddie Farris for the PCSO view on these matters, and Phil Schaller and Patricia Phillips will contact Knox County Public Library to see how their policy has affected their library. Notes will be compared at the next meeting.

New Business: *Fund Balance Request* – A fund balance request of \$1,100 for two security cameras for the west and south walls of the Monterey Branch was approved by a motion from Patricia Phillips, seconded by Larry Garrett, motion carried.

Director's Report: Stacie Netherton welcomed newest board member Cindy Putman.

PCL has received notice of the Tech Grant. Not as much as expected was received as the State Library has reduced the amount given out. PCL received \$5,052 out of a cap of \$6,000. Our amount was reduced by 35% due to only 3 board members having trustee certifications. More trustees with certifications will increase the amount of the Tech Grant in future years.

Stacie is completing the State's Data Collection Survey, if she cannot complete it before leaving, Phil will finish and submit the survey.

PCL has received passes to the Children's Museum due to a Grant received by the museum. There are 4 passes at the main branch and 2 passes at each of the branch libraries.

PC maintenance will be taking down the wall in Baxter next week.

Restroom renovation will begin this month.

Phil announced to the board that it was National Library Card Sign-up Month, and the PCL has new Teen Titan library cards while supplies last.

Phil will be getting a quote for scraping, painting and resealing the windows in Baxter. Will have this quote for the next board meeting.

Phil also announced the possibility of the PCL doing a float for the annual Christmas parade and offered any member of the board a place on the float committee if desired.

Chelsea Gifford and Matt Knieling did a webinar for the regional library on “Makerspaces on a Budget”.

Board Resolution: Laura Clemons took this time to announce a resolution from the board concerning Stacie Netherton. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS Library Director Stacie Netherton has given dedicated service to the Putnam County Library System, including its patrons, staff, Friends group, and Board of Trustees;
AND WHEREAS Ms. Netherton has developed and implemented initiatives to improve the quality of service, including outreach programs in the community, increasing the focus of the library’s mission of early literacy advocacy, and facilitating access to health and financial services;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Netherton’s contributions have taken the library administration to a new level of professionalism on the state, regional and local levels through her service to the Tennessee State Library & Archives and Tennessee Library Association;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Netherton’s enthusiastic community engagement has included a strong emphasis on government relations;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Netherton has led the PCLS during her two years as director with energy, determination, consideration of and compassion for staff and patrons alike, as well as insightful guidance to the PCLS Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Putnam County Library Board of Trustees, do hereby present this resolution honoring Library Director Stacie Netherton and recommend that this resolution be made a permanent record in board meeting minutes.

This resolution was approved by all members of the PCL Library Board at the time of its creation.

FWRRL Report: Matthew Kirby announced that the webinar program started this fiscal year, FWRRL is the only region to be doing these webinars so they are going state-wide.

The Trustees workshop and certifications was both emphasized and encouraged as these help with Tech Grant funding from the state.

PCL Friends Report: Dinner with an Author is Friday the 15th. Ticket sales are up this year. Schedule is as follows: 10 am Author Ruta Sepetys will be interviewing with WCTE, then addressing students at Cookeville High School. Sponsor Reception at 5 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm at Leslie Town Center.

Adjournment: 5:24 pm.

