

December 4, 2013 Minutes

The Trustees of the Bedford Public Library held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec, 4, 2013 with the following members present: Kay McLearen, Neil Hall, Jim Cummings, Sue Lentell, Larry Tribolet, Marian Dowling, Mary Dowis, Vic Noer, Sue Schaub and the librarian, Tanya Wyckoff.

President Noer called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Hall moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lentell. Motion carried. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Tribolet moved to approve the new bills, seconded by Dowling. Motion carried. McLearen moved to approve the financial reports, seconded by Tribolet. Motion carried.

Tanya requested that the board approve a policy to ban e- cigarettes in the library as the city has no such policy in place. There has not been a problem in the past, but she wanted to have such policy in place in the event of an incident. Lentell moved to approve a policy which bans all smoking in the library which would include e- cigarettes. After being seconded by Tribolet, the motion carried.

The children's special Santa Story Time party will be held on Friday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m. for all children from Pre-K through 3rd grade. There will be stories, crafts, snacks and a visit from Santa.

Because of a conflict of schedules which had occurred last month, it had been suggested and approved that Tanya find a couple of interested persons who could fill in for her, if so needed. Two persons have expressed a willingness to be on call if needed, so Tanya will give them some basic training in order to keep the library open.

Tanya also asked the board as to library hours for the Christmas holiday. Hall moved, seconded by Cummings that the library close at 4 pm on the 24th and have shortened hours of 2-5:30 p.m. on Thursday the 26th. Motion carried.

The librarian presented samples of flooring from the Bargain Barn in Maryville and gave prices for the various selections and installation costs. After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously decided to use carpet tile for the new flooring and a design was chosen. There will be some further checking to see if another company which carries the same carpet would give the library a better price. At that time, a definite decision will be made.

The budget for the ensuing year was presented by Tanya, with the understanding that depending on the cost of the carpet, some figures may have to be adjusted if there is a need to seek a grant from the Taylor County Endowment Fund.

Due to health issues, Noer announced that he was turning over the presidency of the board to vice president Tribolet for an unspecified time. He will, however, remain as a member of the board.