

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

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****APPROVED****

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2010 MEETING OF THE LIBRARY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Gary Grant (Albemarle County)	Sara Murray (Charlottesville)
Hope Payne (Charlottesville)	Mike Plunkett (Charlottesville)
Faye Rosenthal (Louisa County)	Timothy Tolson (Albemarle County)
<u>President</u> Anthony Townsend (Albemarle County)	<u>Vice President</u> Deborah Willenborg (Greene County)

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mary Coy (Nelson County)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Callahan-Representing WINA	Lena Fairless-Crozet Resident
Krista Farrell-Assistant Library Director	DonnaLee Grossman-Administration
John Halliday-Library Director	William Lyons, Jr.-Business Manager
Joyce MacDonald-Staff Recorder	Stots Reelee-Scottsville Resident

The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library's (J-MRL) Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Library's Jefferson Room, President Townsend being in the chair. On motion for approval made by Mr. Tolson and seconded by Mr. Plunkett, the revised draft of the December 28, 2009 Library Board Minutes was unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - Scottsville resident Mr. Stots Reelee spoke on behalf of the Scottsville neighborhood concerned that the Scottsville Library be selected for budget cuts. Crozet resident Ms. Lena Fairless spoke on behalf of the Crozet neighborhood and hoped J-MRL would find other solutions rather than cutting or closing their branch. Trustee Ms. Coy was absent at today's meeting and will be absent for at least another month as she is teaching at New York University in Manhattan for a few months.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S REPORT (GARY GRANT) - The Advocacy Committee did not meet in January. Since the December 28th Board meeting, the Advocacy Committee has been actively involved in many events in support of funding for J-MRL and the new Crozet Library (town hall meetings in Harrisonburg and Crozet, meeting with Delegate David Toscano, meeting with Albemarle County staff regarding funding and to discuss possibility of federal assistance, polling Albemarle County Supervisors regarding the new Crozet Library, meeting with Albemarle County Supervisor Ann Mallek and Congressman Perriello's staff to investigate and discuss the possibility of federal funding for the new Crozet Library, and assisted the Library Director and Library Board President for a press conference regarding the budget scenario).

ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICIES - One of the three revised policies scheduled for adoption (**Circulation Policies, Section 4.225**) needs to be referred back to the Policy Committee for discussion as a library card replacement fee has been requested and the effective date will have to be changed. The **Safe Child Policy (Section 4.234)** was previously reviewed by the Board. Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to accept the revised **Safe Child Policy (Section 4.234)** and Mr. Tolson seconded the motion. Mr. Grant requested a vote count on the motion. Seven Board members voted in the affirmative and one (Mr. Grant) in the negative. The affirmative has it and the motion was adopted. The Board previously reviewed the **Computer and Internet Access Policy (Section 4.7)**. Mr. Grant moved to accept the revised **Computer and Internet Access Policy (Section 4.7)** and Mr. Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE 2010-2013 TECHNOLOGY PLAN - The draft of the 2010-2013 Technology Plan was submitted to the Board for their review prior to the draft's adoption at their January meeting. Mr. Plunkett made a motion for Board approval of the 2010-2013 Technology Plan and Ms. Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

FY 2011 BUDGET UPDATE - Charlottesville has recommended the approval of J-MRL's FY 2011 budget request without any pay raises. The Library Director met with Nelson County. Nelson County is just beginning their budget process. The Library Director will be contacting Greene and Louisa to set up a meeting with them. J-MRL's budget was submitted to Albemarle County in November. Albemarle's staff requested impacts of 5% and 10% cutbacks. The Library Director distributed copies of **J-MRL FY 2011 Budget Summary: Albemarle and Charlottesville**, outlining what portion of each cost, service and branch library that Albemarle and Charlottesville pays. The amount of the deficits based on Albemarle's FY 2011 budget request would be approximately: \$83,934 for flat funding, \$242,591 for a 5% cut, and \$401,248 for a 10% cut. If local jurisdictions do not fund J-MRL to maintain support of their local libraries, it is likely that J-MRL would end up losing state funding. Further discussion ensued regarding the Board's budget concerns for J-MRL's FY 2011 budget.

CROZET LIBRARY UPDATE - The Board shared a letter sent to President Townsend from Congressman Tom Perriello regarding potential sources of federal funding for the new Crozet Library. The letter notified President Townsend of a funding opportunity through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. There is a Community Facilities (CF) program that seeks to fund community facilities essential to the quality of life to its rural residents. They have CF loans for constructing, enlarging or improving community facilities. This is one of the few federal programs providing for bricks and mortar projects and the single program that targets essential facilities in rural communities. CF loans currently are at 4% with loan terms for 40 years. Crozet Library is a linchpin of the Master Plan and an asset to Western Albemarle County citizens. The project would stimulate the local economy by providing construction jobs. J-MRL asked Albemarle County to accept the Federal Grant offer and is waiting for their reply.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT - The Big Read-This morning David Plunkett was on WINA discussing The Big Read events. On Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 p.m. The Big Read kickoff begins in downtown Charlottesville at the Free Speech Wall. President Townsend will be speaking at the kickoff and City Council Member Holly Edwards and Albemarle Supervisor Dennis Rooker will be presenting Proclamations. The Big Read through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities will not be applying for a grant next year and J-MRL's staff serving on The Big Read Committee would like to try for a \$5,000 grant of our own through NEA for next year. J-MRL Book Mending-Former Trustee Melissa Dickens coordinates J-MRL's book mending. Melissa and her Central and Gordon Avenue volunteers returned 1,019 books to circulation at Gordon Avenue and returned 1,240 to circulation at Central, for a total of 2,259 books returned to circulation. Legislative Reception-The Annual Legislative Reception in Richmond is scheduled for this Thursday, January 28th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Any Trustees interested in attending should notify the Library Director. The Library Director is planning to leave from Northside Library at 4:00 p.m. Vacation-The Library Director will be on one-week of vacation beginning Friday, January 29th through February 5th. While he is away, Krista Farrell will be in charge. Future Meetings-The Personnel Committee should meet in early March and the Budget Committee should plan to meet in April.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Future agenda items include: Policy Committee's Report, FY 2011 budget update, and 6-month update on the 5-Year Plan. Mr. Grant suggested that the Library Board meeting be held at the Crozet Library in either February or March. **(Note: It has been confirmed that the Monday, February 22, 2010 Board meeting will be held at 1:15 p.m. at the Crozet Library.)**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The Policy Committee will meet immediately following this Board meeting.

Anthony Townsend, President