

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Library Board of Trustees
January 17th, 2002
Dickson Board Room - Main Library
Charlotte, North Carolina

TRUSTEES PRESENT

C. Don Steger, Chairman
Patsy Kinsey
Blair Foster
Laura Foxx
Patty Norman

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Rev. William Wood, Vice Chair
Sam Stark

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Cannon, Executive Director
Judith Sutton, Deputy Director
Carol Myers
Dick Pahle
Helen Blowers
Rich Rosenthal
Rita Rouse
Melanie Huggins
Susan Herzog

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Stephens, Attorney
Michele Wayman, Reporter
Lindsey McAlpine
Heather Hayes
Robert Bisanar
Kathi Knier

MINUTES

Chairman Don Steger called meeting to order at 12:20p.m.

Lindsey McAlpine of the McAlpine Group asked the Trustees to reconsider Coulwood Branch Library site location. The Board discussed putting the issue of the Coulwood site back on the agenda for re-consideration. Patsy Kinsey moved to reconsider the site at the next meeting, Blair Foster seconded the motion. Laura Foxx, Patty Norman and Don Steger voted against the motion. The Coulwood library issue will now go to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commission.

Approval of minutes of November 2001 meeting will be done at the February meeting.

Heather Hayes told the Trustees about the Berry Academy, which will open next year. She asked that the Trustees consider allowing the new public/school library be named in honor of a corporation. The money raised would go towards the various labs on campus. After some discussion, the Trustees decided not to allow naming rights to be used for the library.

The Trustees saw the schematic design drawings of the new Steele Creek Library presented by Pease & Associates Architects.

The Trustees approved a budget transfer of \$99,836 for longevity pay and a reduction of \$22,686 from state revenues.

Susan Herzog told the Trustees about the Small Business Resource Center plan for the Main Library. SBA will provide \$75,000 as a one-time grant. Also, the City will provide \$15,000 for three years. The Library would buy new computers, provide office partitions, staff time, tables and chairs. Patty Norman moved to accept SBA and the City Grants. Patsy Kinsey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director, Cannon proposed a compromise with the Public Art Commission for the public art commitment for the Children's Learning Center. He recommended \$100,000 rather than \$200,000 from the Library. The Trustees agreed to accept the compromise and release \$100,000 for public art. Patty Norman will represent the Trustees and Melanie Huggins the staff during the selection process.

The Trustees authorized Wagner Murry Architects to design the interior of the South Tryon outlet.

Dick Pahle, Director of Development, asked the Trustees to establish two new funds in the Foundation of the Carolinas: the Evelyn Cormier Endowment Fund and the Robert C. and Doris G. Huckabee Fund.

Director Cannon indicated that there would need to be a public hearing on Internet filtering. This meeting would be scheduled for next month's Board meeting. Blair Foster entered a motion to set the date for the public hearing; Patty Norman seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The date will be February 21st.

Policies adopted by the Trustees:

1. Two Tiered Library Card System.
2. Library card needed for Internet use.
3. Appeal process for books at issue.

Blair Foster entered a motion to approve the new policies; Patty Norman seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

For 2002 officers, Patsy Kinsey placed in nomination the continuation of Don Steger as Chairman and Bill Wood as Vice Chairman. They were elected by acclamation.

Don Steger thanked Trustee Blair Foster for his four years of service to the community and PLCMC. With no further business the Chairman Don Steger adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Cannon
Secretary