

Green Gold Minutes

July 11, 2014

The Green Gold Library System Directors' meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish Library on July 11, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Heezen at 10:05 a.m. when a quorum was established. Present: Heather McEntee, Beverly Hammett, Ron Heezen, Peggy Walls, Debbie Anderson, Bob Black, Trey Lewis, Linn Landis, and Denise Pearson, Interim Director at Grant Parish. Others present were CFO Jim Pelton, and Anne Madison, Associate Director of Public Services at Bossier Parish Library.

There were no audience comments.

Upon motion by Ron Heezen, seconded by Beverly Hammett, it was unanimously approved to add to the agenda a discussion about inviting local author Charles Blow to speak at a few Green Gold Libraries.

Dr. Heezen announced that Adam Clay from Freegal was unable to attend the meeting since the date had been changed. He will be invited to the next meeting.

Upon motion by Bob Black, seconded by Trey Lewis, the minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as e-mailed.

Jim Pelton handed out the Overdrive circulation statistics and gave a brief report on the recommended revision to the current budget.

Upon motion by Bob Black, seconded by Trey Lewis, it was unanimously approved to add \$7,000 to the current budget in Revenues – Shreve Memorial Library Friends.

Mr. Pelton presented the proposed budget for 10/1/2014 to 9/30/2015 indicating that it included a 4% raise for the driver and a vehicle purchase which is budgeted but not anticipated in the coming year.

Upon motion by Peggy Walls, seconded by Linn Landis, the 2014-15 budget was unanimously approved as proposed.

Upon motion by Linn Landis, seconded by Denise Pearson, it was unanimously approved to combine all five of the by-laws revisions in one motion.

Upon motion by Trey Lewis, seconded by Denise Pearson, it was moved to approve the five changes to the by-laws as e-mailed.

Jim Pelton raised a question about Article 3, Section 2 which states in part, "All other invoices shall be authorized by the Shreve Memorial Library Director." Since Dr. Heezen is leaving as director of Shreve Memorial Library, there could be a period of time in which there is no director. Also, the new director might not want to take on this duty.

Upon motion by Beverly Hammett, seconded by Debbie Anderson, it was unanimously approved to amend Article 3 Section 2 to read “All other invoices shall be authorized by the Shreve Memorial Library Director or designee.”

Dr. Heezen called for a vote on the original motion to approve the by-laws revisions. Unanimously carried.

Dr. Heezen explained that Act. No. 628 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative session requires all public bodies with websites to post a copy of their meeting minutes within a reasonable time after approval. The secretary will email the minutes to the appropriate contact at Shreve Memorial Library to be published on the Green Gold website.

After a brief discussion about local author Charles Blow, the following libraries indicated an interest in sponsoring him to speak at their libraries: Shreve, Bossier, and Bienville.

All members gave a brief report of what was happening at their libraries.

Since this would be Dr. Heezen’s last meeting before moving on to become the director for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Bob Black spoke about the many benefits the Green Gold Library System had enjoyed during Ron’s tenure and how sorry he was to see him go. On behalf of the members, Mr. Black thanked him saying, “Ron has been a good friend and a good leader.” Ron expressed his gratitude and invited everyone to visit him in Las Vegas.

Mr. Black also thanked Jim Pelton for his past service as Shreve’s director and his continued financial leadership of the Green Gold Library System.

Upon motion by Ron Heezen, seconded by Beverly Hammett, the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hammett