Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of July 12, 2007

Call to Order
Lauffer called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Training Center of the Columbia Public Library.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Board members present were Tiff Lauffer, President; Terri Brunner; Linda Dellsperger; Pat Powell; and Jessica Robinson.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; and Karen Neely, DBRL staff.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes
Lauffer asked if there were any corrections to the May 10, 2007 minutes. There were no changes, and Lauffer declared that the minutes stand approved.

Election of Officers for 2007-2008
Powell moved, Dellsperger seconded, to elect the following slate of officers for 2007-2008:
  President – Jessica Robinson
  Vice President – Tiff Lauffer
  Secretary – Terri Brunner
  Warrant Officer – Linda Dellsperger
The motion passed.

Miscellaneous
Brunner gave a report on her trip to ALA in Washington, DC. She said she attended three trustee meetings and learned a lot. She attended sessions on developing an advocacy network, director-trustee relationships, and a panel discussion on several marketing and PR ideas, including trying to get a seat on other community boards in order to be an advocate for libraries. She said that keeping library issues at the forefront of discussion in other organizations and public arenas was a good way to make sure that the library has a good base of support when it needs something like a tax increase, for example. Brunner said that she entered a number of vendor drawings at the exhibits and she won a soundproof cell phone booth, worth over $3,000, from Demco. Brunner said she was giving it to the library, and Carr said that staff thought it could be placed on the second floor for patron use.
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Carr reported that this year’s tours for second graders included a lot of the Boone County schools in addition to the Columbia Public Schools. She said classes from Sturgeon, Harrisburg, and Hallsville all came for tours. She said that each second-grader received a coupon for a free book that he or she can redeem on a return visit to the library, which encourages the children to come back with their parents. The free books are funded by the DBRL Foundation. Carr added that she has been communicating with the superintendents of the county schools and that she has a meeting with Hallsville School District Superintendent Tom Baugh to discuss opportunities for cooperating on programs like summer reading.

Lauffer said that after listening to all of the post-election feedback he feels a lot of public mistrust was mistakenly aimed at the Boone County Board, and he hoped that the members of the board were not taking the criticism personally. He thanked the board members for all of their efforts and support during the election process.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Powell moved to adjourn and Lauffer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karen Neely and transcribed by Lauren Z. Williams, Executive Assistant.