Callaway County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 28, 2007

Board Members present were Michael Luebbert, President; Mary Ann Beahon; Patsy Craghead; Mary Fennel; and Terry Higgins. Also present were Melissa Carr, DBRL Director; and Kris Farris, Linda Hodgkins, and Jim Smith DBRL Staff.

Public Hearing

Luebbert called the Public Hearing on the Callaway County Library District Operational Tax Rate to order at 9:00 A.M. There was no public comment. Luebbert closed the Public Hearing at 9:02 A.M.

Call to Order

Luebbert called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. in the Friends Room of the Callaway County Public Library.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Higgins moved, Beahon seconded, approval of the minutes of July 12, 2007. The motion passed.

Craghead moved, Fennel seconded, approval of the minutes of August 16, 2007. The motion passed.

Setting of the 2007 Callaway County Library District Operating Tax Rate

Smith said that the tax rate notice was included in the board members’ packets, and the proposed operating tax rate for the Callaway County Library District is 19.5 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. He noted that this is rolled back from the maximum amount approved by the voters of 20 cents per $100 of assessed valuation, and this roll back is required by the Hancock Amendment. Luebbert noted that even with the roll back, because of increases in assessed values in the county the amount of tax revenue is projected to increase over last year.

Higgins moved, Craghead seconded, to set the 2007 operating tax rate at 19.5 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The motion passed.
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Callaway County Anniversary Celebration

Farris distributed a list of ideas brainstormed by staff regarding authors, musicians, storytellers, programs, and events that might be part of the library’s 100th anniversary celebration. Farris reminded the board that because the Fulton Street Fair is already scheduled to begin June 21, the library might want to have its kick-off at the fair with a series of programs. Farris explained that 2008 is the 100-year anniversary of the first library in Fulton, which was housed in the Odd Fellows building until a tax levy was passed and the Carnegie building was constructed on Court Street. The board confirmed that they wanted to celebrate the anniversary of the first library rather than wait to celebrate the construction of the building. Board members verified that the Odd Fellows organization still exists, though the building where the group met in 2008 is now privately owned and houses an antique mall. The board discussed whether or not a tour of the building or a program could be held there.

The board discussed the appropriate length of the celebration and whether there should be one large event, a month of related programs, and/or a year’s worth of smaller events. Beahon asked if the PR department could develop a special 100th anniversary logo for use throughout the year at the Callaway County Public Library, at its programs and on its library cards. Carr suggested they could encourage patrons to read 100 books in honor of the 100th anniversary, and discussion followed regarding how such a program might be structured. The board discussed that since the actual anniversary of the library’s opening is July 2008, and since the staff might not have enough time to prepare a January kickoff, perhaps having the logo and some information about the anniversary and related programs ready at the beginning of the year but starting the main celebration at the street fair in June would be a better alternative.

Farris asked the board if they wanted to keep planning as a full board or if they wanted to appoint a committee with representatives from the board, the CCPL Friends, the DBRL Foundation, the city or county, and perhaps Westminster or Williams Woods. Luebbert appointed Craghead chair of the planning committee and asked her to recruit additional members to the committee.

Craghead said she had reserved the Callaway County Bank’s window for a display from June 23 to July 7. Beahon suggested that the committee contact the historical society because they also have a rotating window display, and perhaps they could do something in honor of the library’s anniversary. Fennel volunteered to be a liaison from the planning committee to the public schools. Beahon said that she had communicated with Jim Dodson, co-chair of the Fulton Street Fair committee, and Dodson said that when the that committee begins its meetings he would present the idea of working with the library. He said that he thought a lot could be done with this idea.

Carr suggested that the planning committee, once formed, make regular reports back to and get input from the board. Farris said she could put together a to-do list and timeline of tasks for the planning committee.
Craghead asked board members to call her and email her with additional suggestions and ideas for the celebration. In response to a question, Carr clarified that information can be emailed to board members, and individual board members can email ideas to Craghead, but due to the Sunshine Laws the board cannot have email discussions using the “reply to all” feature. Carr asked that she and Lauren Williams be copied on anything Craghead emails to the planning committee so that it can be filed as part of the official record of board correspondence.

Farris said that work can begin on a web page about the anniversary celebration, listing preliminary plans and functioning largely as an internal web site at first. Once plans and programs become more official, the web page would be publicized and linked from the DBRL home page.

The board discussed places to get photographs from 1908, including pictures from the Historical Society of the Odd Fellows building dedication and pictures that staff member Nancy Nelson is pulling from the library’s records. Board members suggested talking to some other local writers in addition to the ones listed on the handout Farris distributed, as well as collecting stories from the children of former board members.

Craghead said she would form the planning committee and report on progress at a meeting of the Callaway Board on October 11th, the date the DBRL Board meeting is scheduled to be held at the Callaway County Public Library.

**Miscellaneous**

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

Higgins moved to adjourn. Luebbert adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Carr and transcribed by Lauren Williams, Executive Assistant.

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Board Secretary