Callaway County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 27, 2009

Board members present were Mary Ann Beahon, President; Mary Fennel; Tonya Hays-Martin; Terry K. Higgins; and Mike Luebbert. Also present were Melissa Carr, DBRL Director; and Elinor Barrett, Kris Farris, Russell Niermeyer, Jim Smith, and Greg Reeves, DBRL Staff.

Public Hearing

Beahon called the public hearing on the Callaway County Library District Operating Tax Rate to order at 12:03 p.m. There was no public comment. Beahon closed the Public Hearing at 12:04 p.m.

Call to Order

Beahon called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Friends Room of the Callaway County Public Library.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Setting of the 2009 Callaway County Library District Operating Tax Rate

ACTION: Luebbert moved and Hays-Martin seconded to set the CCPL tax rate the same as last year at 19.54 cents per $100 assessed valuation. The motion passed unanimously.

Carpet Replacement

Barrett introduced Building and Grounds Manager Russell Niermeyer to the board. She reported that since the move into the building, the carpet in the Friends Room has been a problem. Staff checked the attic stock remaining and there is not enough to replace the existing carpet. Therefore, staff is looking at dark carpet that is the same as or similar to the current carpet.

Callaway TIF

Carr reported on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal on Business 54. After reviewing the packet of information sent to her from Bill Johnson, she said it looked like this TIF was not a lot different from the last one. She said the hearing is a week from today on September 3 at 5:30 p.m. She has a board meeting at the same time, but Reeves will attend to report back. The question was asked if the library opposed the TIF in the past. Carr explained that the library is not on the TIF Commission, but looks at these incentives critically to voice concerns to our representative as they may arise.
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Promotion of Library Services in Callaway County

The board discussed the promotion of the library in Fulton and Callaway County. Reeves reported that he, along with board members, had given four presentations in the spring and that he would be contacting other groups in September to set up more presentations. Farris reported that PR sends a listing of the programs weekly for the community calendar section and other short news releases about bigger events. She said the newsletters in Holts Summit and Williamsburg print information about the library, and that she would follow-up with the City of Fulton about the mayor’s newsletter. She said she would also check with the Fulton Sun about running the top 10 booklist or rerunning Literary Links. She said another option is to re-touch the service of the month articles in the Director’s reports in the monthly board packets. It was also suggested to check with the Fulton cable channel and the Rural Missourian.

Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Higgins moved and Fennel seconded to adjourn. Beahon adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kris Farris, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary