

Malvern-Hot Spring County Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2004
12:30 p.m.

Malvern-Hot Spring County Library board met on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in the program room of the library. A sandwich lunch was available for the board members and library staff. Library board members present were Leah Justus, Connie Roberts, Allen Pulley, librarian Mary Ann Griggs and the board welcomed new member Olivia Pierce.

Board Chair Leah Justus called the meeting to order.

Old Business

Allen Pulley made a motion to accept the minutes. Connie Roberts seconded, motion passed.

Librarian Mary Ann Griggs reported that the museum commission had signed the lease agreement and it will be up for renewal again July 1, 2005. The library leases the land the museum and log cabin sit on for \$1.00 per year. The land was purchased for \$31,000 in 1979 from the money the library received from the estate of Josephine Collie given to the library in her will. The museum lease was from 1985 – 1995 and had expired. The new lease is from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 2005.

Mary Ann reported that Mike Ollar had opted to take the employee insurance coverage in 2005, rather than more of a raise. He will have medical insurance plus \$20,000 life insurance through the county insurance plan effective January 1, 2005.

Connie Roberts moved and Allen Pulley seconded that Mary Ann's Mid Ark salary be increased to cover spouse insurance as approved in the August 2004 meeting. The only difference is that it will be paid through Mid Ark and not Hot Spring County. Motion passed. If Mary Ann's spouse obtains insurance through his current employment, the board agreed to leave the increase in the Mid Ark salary until budget 2006 and leave it in her salary as a raise for 2006 or she can use toward her retirement.

Tuesday night statistics were given to the board from staying open until 8 p.m. in October and November. The board directed Mary Ann to talk to Kathy Clayton at Malvern High School about possibly staying open til 8 in the spring either March or April.

New Business

Connie Roberts moved and Allen Pulley seconded to a reciprocal agreement with Garland and Saline counties where residents do not have to pay out-of-county fees for library cards. Each library will abide by its own rules on obtaining a library card and patrons do not have to have a card in their home library before getting one in these counties.

Librarian's report:

There will be a Friends of the Library reception on Thursday, December 2nd from 2-3 in the program room for Ann and Billy Jack Harp and the public is invited.

Mary Ann gave board members a copy of a letter from Hot Spring County Judge James Bailey asking that board minutes be filed in the clerk's office beginning in 2005.

A letter has been sent to County Judge James Bailey asking for Connie Roberts to serve a second five year term on the library board, expiring December 31, 2009.

Shira Kelley has been hired part-time to work the circulation desk, shelve and train for when Charlotte Smith has hip replacement surgery after the first of the year.

Computer classes were taught from 11 – 12 on Thursdays for three weeks. Library staff contacted individuals they knew were interested to see how the class went. More classes will be taught after the first of the year.

Sherry Cox is taking books from the used book sale room to the Malvern prison.

The board discussed a new member for the library board for the open position. Steve James name was mentioned and Allen Pulley is going to contact him and see if he is interested.

Norris White presented a Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 12, 2004 from 12 – 1 in the program room which was well received

Jessie Ashford has pieced another quilt block for the Friends of the Library to take donations on. One is being quilted at the present time for donations to be taken from December until February 2005.

An AAPL brochure was given to board members showing statistics on state aid funding cuts and plans to approach the upcoming legislative session to ask for reinstatement of funds.

Ann and Billy Jack Harp asked Mary Ann to check on front doors that open automatically for the disabled and that they would like to help with the cost. The board told Mary Ann to proceed on getting an estimate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.