



## BOONE TREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

October 2, 2003

The Fall 2003 meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association was held on October 2, 2003, at the Kingsport Public Library in Kingsport, Tennessee.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chrissie Peters. The minutes of the previous meeting March 18, 2003 were distributed to the membership. Mark Thomas made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and Clara Hasbrouck seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Jud Barry made a motion to accept the minutes and Julana Croy seconded it. The membership approved.

### Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of the last meeting was \$414.15. An additional \$135 was collected in dues at the Fall meeting.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes were given to Clara Hasbrouck for the Boone Tree history project.

President's Report: Where we stand on the president's Five Goals for Boone Tree during her two-year term as President: (1) We have now produced and begun distribution of an informational brochure on the association; (2) Membership and active membership have increased; (3) We do not have a website yet, but are still working toward that goal; (4) Boone Tree has an active email distribution list, even though no email discussion list per se has yet come into existence for the association; and (5) Our quality programming is expanding to include panel discussions and issues of current interest to all information environments. TLA Update: The TLA Annual Conference for 2004 will be in Knoxville, TN on March 17-19. This year's theme is "A Tennessee State of Mind". *Tennessee Librarian* and a new issue of the *TLA Newsletter* are now being published online. Boone Tree will be hosting a reception for DE students in the Spring of 2004. A potluck affair was proposed to the membership and all agreed. The meeting will follow the reception and is open to alumni of the UT SIS program, too. TLA Scholarship Committee: An ad hoc committee will address scholarships to be given to paraprofessionals and others wishing to pursue the Masters degree in Tennessee. Boone Tree Archives: John Grubb contacted Norma Myers, Curator of Archives of Appalachia at ETSU, about Boone Tree's history being in those Archives. The Archives of Appalachia have no records for Boone Tree, but would be very interested in receiving them. Clara Hasbrouck is heading the Boone Tree History Project and will contact Ms. Myers at ETSU. Spring Program: Panel discussion about the Patriot Act and Filtering. Meeting date was changed from March 16 to March 23, 2004, to avoid any conflicts with TLA Pre-Conference. The March meeting will be at Northeast State Community College, Basler Library. Additional Program Idea: Contacting someone from UT SIS to talk about The Distance Education program at UT and invite interested members of the public to join us for the program.

Report of the Executive Board: Minutes of the Executive Board August 20 meeting were distributed to the membership. The Board will continue to work on the Spring 2004 program and promote it through various sources.

Report of Standing Committees: Webmaster, Chris Demas reported still trying to find a place to host the BTLA site. The cost for a website will be \$80 to \$100 a year and the domain name will be about \$20 a year.

Reports of Special Committees (None)  
Special Orders (None)  
Unfinished Business and General Orders (None)

New Business:

The membership agreed to wait for further information from Watauga Regional Library about the possibility of WRL hosting the BTLA website. Mark Thomas hopes that WRL will have a new server in place in the near-distant future.

There was discussion from the floor about raising the association's dues to \$10.00, starting with the Spring 2004 meeting. A motion was made by Judith Barrett and seconded by Jud Barry. A quorum was present to vote and the membership agreed. It will be carried over to the Spring 2004 meeting for final presentation and voting.

By-Laws and Constitution: The changes were voted on by the membership and accepted.

TLA Conference Scholarships for students/ "new" librarians: Membership discussed registration and requirements for the scholarships. Jud Barry made a motion to accept and Joy Branham seconded it. Mark Thomas made a motion to use General Funds as a source of funding for scholarships and Jud Barry seconded it. The motion carried with one opposing vote.

Affiliates' Table at TLA Conference: The purpose of the Affiliates' Table would be to provide people at the TLA Conference with information about Boone Tree and to attract new members. Boone Tree's cost would be approximately \$35 for two days of the main event. A motion was made by Chris Demas to have the table and Joy Branham seconded the motion. All agreed.

Announcements: The Basler Library at Northeast State will be hosting a book discussion on James Whorton, Jr.'s first novel, *Approximately Heaven*, on Monday October 6, 2003 in room L106 from 12:30 to 1:15 pm.

Program: The program was presented by Jud Barry, Director, of the Bristol Public Library in Bristol, Virginia/Tennessee. His address was on the "Bristol Public Library Building Project." The Bristol Task Force pooled its resources to conduct a study about a new library for Bristol. The project came together after some compromises from both sides. The expansion will be added onto the existing building. The estimated cost of the project will be \$10.7 million. Bristol, TN, and Bristol, VA, will contribute 4.5 million dollars each. The Fund-Raising Committee will be responsible for raising \$1.7-2 million. The construction will take 23 months: 17 months for the new construction and 6 months for renovating the existing building. This will be the most important civic institution jointly owned by two cities.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the president. The next meeting will be March 23, 2004 at Northeast State Community College, the Basler Library, at 7pm. A reception for students in the region who are part of the SIS DE program at UT will begin at 5:30 pm, with the regular membership meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary  
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