

Boone Tree Association Minutes
September 16, 2004

The Fall 2004 meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association was held on September 16, 2004, at Johnson City Public Library in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chrissie Peters, who gave special thanks to the Johnson City Library for the refreshments and the use of their facilities. Chrissie welcomed our speaker, President elect, Rick Wallace.

The minutes of the previous meeting was distributed to the membership. Gail Campbell made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and Mary Erwin seconded it. The membership approved.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer's Report: The balance for the Spring meeting was \$461.51 and with added membership dues, the balance is \$491.09

Webmaster's Report: Boone Tree's website now has a list serve hosted by the University of Tennessee. Members can email Chris Demas, Webmaster, (cddemas@NortheastState.edu), to get username and password for the Members' Directory. Members can use the BTLA website to advertise library events. BTLA is listed on the Tennessee Library Association's web page (www.tnla.org) under Resources.

President's Report: The President's 5 goals for Boone Tree have been a success; since Fall 2002, membership has almost doubled, with increased active members; we have developed a website, an informational brochure, and a list serve; and our programming has expanded to all information environments.

Executive Board: The Fall election was discussed. It was decided that members could vote by email, but dues must be current and membership in good standing. The Executive Board voted to draft a resolution to strongly opposing a proposal in TLA changing their annual conference to every other year. This resolution would be pending pursuance or passage of this action at the TLA Board Meeting in Franklin on August 21. The Boone Tree Executive Board voted to recommend a donation of \$135 to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project in Sullivan County.

TLA: On August 21, the Sight and Selection Committee brought the proposal of changing TLA's annual conference to every-other-year to the Executive Board of TLA. However, after strong opposition from the TLA Board, the TLA Executive Board decided to keep the meetings every year.

Local Imagination Library Groups: Jo McDavid of the Sullivan County chapter explained about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The age for children is from newborn to age 5. You can sponsor a child for \$27 a month or \$135 for 5 year membership and the state of Tennessee has agreed to pay half of the cost. Each child will receive one book a month until they reach 5 years of age. Washington County, TN, is starting a chapter of the Imagination Library. If you need more information about it, contact Lusetta Slagle at 423-753-1800 or email lslagle@wrlibrary.org .

Standing Committees Boone Tree History, by Clara Hasbrouck. She reported that she could not find any early records of the Boone Tree Library Association. There is a list of officers since 1965, but nothing before then. She is trying to track down a designated paper written on Boone Tree by Becky Quarters in 1976.

Special Committees: The nominating committee members are: Chrissie Peters, John Grubb, Suresh Ponnappa, Gail Campbell, and Sandy Click. The candidates for Boone Tree Officers are: President, Rick Wallace or write in candidate; Vice President, Michal Strutin, Michelle Wyatt, or write in candidate; Secretary, Amy Hopkins, Sue Knocke, or write in candidate; Treasurer, Mary Jane Erwin, Holly Russo, or write in candidate.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Boone Tree Executive Board voted to recommend \$135 donation be made to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project in Sullivan County. A motion was made by Gail Campbell to donate this money to the Sullivan County chapter of the Imagination Library and Sue Knocke seconded it. Membership approved. BTLA may also donate money to other Imagination Library projects started in the BTLA area.

Elections were held the new officers are: President, Rick Wallace; Vice President, Michelle Wyatt; Secretary, Sue Knocke; and Treasurer, Holly Russo.

Announcements: Sharon McCrumb will be at Milligan College September 28, 2004, 11 am - 12:30pm and 7:30pm -9pm. Suresh Ponnappa will be at Northeast State on September 20th at 12:30- 1:15pm for "Eating with the Experts," his topic "Helping Iraq and Libraries," Michal Strutin will be at Northeast State Community College on September 27, from 12:30-1:15pm, for "Open Books," to talk about her award-winning book, *History Hikes of the Smokies*.

Program: The program was given by Rick Wallace, Coordinator for Outreach Services and Assistant Professor of the Quillen College of Medicine Library, in Johnson City, TN. His address was on "Consumer Health". Physicians have been resistant to provide their patients with information on their specific health problem. People come to the library to find information about health topics, as a result. We as librarians, when dealing with patrons on health subjects, need to be more probing in the reference interview as to their specific need and have regard for the patron's ability to understand information we give them. We must never offer a diagnosis or a treatment for their health problem, as this would be against the librarian's professional mandate.

There are several good online resources for librarians and patrons to use including: Medline Plus, (www.medlineplus.gov); Tennessee Electronic Library, (www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tel); Association of Cancer Online Resources, (www.acor.org); Disability Resources (www.disabilityresources.org); and Clinical Trials, www.clinicaltrials.gov.

A partnership should be formed between Medical and Public Libraries and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to receive health information training and to use all of our skills to help the consumer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the President. The next meeting will be in the Spring of 2005

Respectfully submitted by

Becky Berry
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