

Boone Tree Library Association Minutes March 17, 2005

The spring meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association was held on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at East Tennessee State University Sherrod Library in Johnson City, Tennessee. Refreshments and networking from 7:00-7:40 in room 355, with business meeting required to move in room 309 where presentation was set up, due to space needed to accommodate everyone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President Richard Wallace who introduced our host Rita Scher, Dean of Sherrod Library, and welcomed everyone. She made an announcement the bid for a free standing pharmacy school at ETSU Quillen College of Medicine has been approved. Rita noted that not only is this great news for ETSU, but for the entire community at large.

Rick introduced the current officers for 2004-2006 and welcomed the new members and asked they stand.

News/Announcements:

- Rick stated two (2) BTLA members are currently on the TLA ballot; former President Chrissie Anderson Peters is running as Vice President /President Elect and current secretary Sue Knoche is running as Recording Secretary.
- Rick mentioned we would have a booth at the TLA conference and asked for suggestions of what we can add to the display board. Jamie Price took digital pictures this evening, to possibly incorporate on the website or used as part of the display booth.
- A list of BTLA members presenting at the conference was read and a correction of that list will be done before the conference to include a children's program by Betty Cobb and Linda Lee Hammons of Johnson City Public Library.
- Rick stated that if anyone wanted to join or renew dues to see Holly.
- Sharyn McCrumb will be a guest speaker for reading and book signing of *St. Dale* at Johnson City Public Library on March 30th at 5:30 p.m.
- Sue Knoche stated that the TLA Staff Development Workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at Northeast State Community College; May 19th at Memphis Public; May 20th at Nashville Public. Identical program for all locations and currently looking for local instructors. Fee is not determined at this time.

Report of Officers:

Webmaster: Chris Demas was ill tonight, but report will be on the website for review.

Treasurer: Holly Russo reported balance of \$500.69 with itemized report on file. Four member renewals and three new members tonight.

President's Report: Rick Wallace started by introducing Nancy Renfro the new Director of Watauga Regional Library. He has been working with her in regard to Consumer Health programs for the area. These would be geared mainly toward public libraries; but, want to also reach out to school librarians. Rick distributed handouts that include an 800 number for consumer questions answered at Quillen College of Medicine Library. Janet Fisher also mentioned that a toll free number is available for Spanish as well with translator if needed.

Executive Board: Rick asked Michelle Wyatt, Vice President to talk about the next meeting program, September 2005. Michelle has arranged for C. Keith Young, of Northeast State Community College, Elizabethton, to do a session on storytelling, and he has agreed. She will be in contact with him for details.

Secretary: The reading of the minutes was started and due to length, Virginia Salmon made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes; all agreed. The corrections to be made to Sep. 16 2004 minutes are: under the Standing Committees the name Becky Quarters should actually be Becky Porter. The Local Imagination Library Groups report the amount of \$27 per month should be changed to \$27 per year. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Virginia Salmon; 2nd by Julana Croy -- approved; none opposed.

Old Business:

Imagination Library: Rick asked Lucetta Slagle to report on the Imagination Library. She handed out a list of the contacts for the various counties and held up a brochure. A kick-off for the Washington & Carter County program at the Storytelling Center in Jonesborough March 4th with Governor Bredesen, a representative for Dolly Parton, State & U.S. Senators/Representatives, and many other dignitaries attended. She stated the Governor's foundation has a website with a calendar of upcoming events of the Imagination Library with tentative dates other counties will be coming into the program. Lucetta encouraged everyone to sign up children at their library and also to do programs such as storytime, reading programs as the next logical step for the children as they grow out of this program or older than the age range. Jo McDavid reported as of March 1st; a total of 2,530 children are enrolled and over \$91,000 has been raised so far for the program.

History: Clara Hasbrouck reported she has looked everywhere and can not locate any records prior to 1967. She stated that the records she did find confirmed that one of the original founders of Boone Tree was Elise Barrett in 1946 making BTLA 60 years old next year. Clara said she is still searching for a document reportedly done by Becky Porter in 1976, but not sure where of if it still is around. She suggested a celebration in 2006 to commemorate the 60 year anniversary and would like to work with the Executive Committee to plan, as well as honor Ms. Barrett, one of the founders. Rick confirmed we would do this.

Rick announced that Janet Fisher would be retiring in June and that perhaps we would be planning something in her honor for the many contributions she has made to this organization over the years. Details will be forthcoming either through the website or list.

New Business:

Polk County Library, geographically it's in Tennessee where Georgia and North Carolina come together and the only county in the state without a fully operational library. A Friends of the Library Group is trying to help keep it open a few hours each week and asking for any kind of financial help. A motion was made by Chrissie Anderson Peters to send a \$50 donation to this group; 2nd by Julana Croy – approved; none opposed. Holly will send the check.

National Library Workers Day Picnic: Rick asked Suresh Ponnappa to say a few words. Suresh mentioned we had the first annual National Library Workers Day Picnic last year at a park, Friday 4:30-8:00 and about 15 people attended. He sent memos to the area libraries to have one this year with only one response and asking if there would be an interest or if BTLA wanted to help with organizing, etc. He stated if the location needed to be moved, or time changed it could be arranged. Also a reminder that last year it was a pot luck style dinner and the paper plates, etc. would be provided. Nancy Renfro stated she thought there would be an interest and perhaps starting at a later time to incorporate staff who may not be able to attend because of coverage or closing their respective libraries. The date would be Friday, April 15th and approximate time 6:00-8:30 and would like to see more staff to meet and network. Rick asked those that would be interested in this idea to raise their hands and about 10-15 did so. Janet Fisher stated how much fun last years event was including the entertainment of library related games with prizes. Further details will be posted to the list or website.

Other Items:

Gail Campbell made a motion to move that we should contribute \$135 for the Imagination Library in the Washington County area as was done for Sullivan County; 2nd by Jo McDavid -- approved; none opposed. Holly will issue check.

Introduction of Pat Beard, the new Director of Washington County-Jonesborough Library, who also announced she has two open positions.

Gail Campbell announced they are still searching for a Director for Johnson City Public Library.

Chrissie Anderson Peters announced that Amy Arnold is a recipient for a conference scholarship.

Recognition of 2002-2004 officers:

A short ceremony to present framed certificates of appreciation of service in BTLA for each officer, Chrissie Anderson Peters, Becky Berry, John Grubb, and ex-officio webmaster Chris Demas were given. In addition, Chrissie received a certificate gift card for Outback Steak House and red silk rose; Becky received a gold pin and red silk rose; Duncan Parsons accepted the certificates with an inspirational coffee mug for John and Chris, who were not in attendance tonight.

Motion to adjourn; by Chrissie Anderson Peters -- at 8:28 p.m., no objections.

Presentation:

Introduction by Rick Wallace of our guest speaker Troy Davis, Media Services Librarian at UT Knoxville Libraries and Boone Tree member. Presenting: *Media Literacy; it works in practice, but what about theory?* Troy shared experiences working as the director of The Studio, Hodges Library's premier campus facility for multimedia production. Examples of his work were circulated throughout the room. Brochures were also distributed. Other topics included: examples of documentaries in the library; the recycled video contest and where does media literacy fit into information literacy. His entire presentation has been posted to the website.

Present tonight are: Richard Wallace; Michelle Wyatt; Holly Russo; Sue Knoche; Amy Arnold; Becky Berry; Gail Campbell; Betty Cobb; Nakia Cook; Julana Croy; Troy Davis; Margaret Elsea; Mary Jane Erwin; Janet Fisher; Mary Gavlik; Clara Hasbrouk; Jo McDavid; Mr. & Mrs. David Parsley; Duncan Parsons; Esther Pawlowicz; Chrissie Anderson Peters; Suresh Ponnappa; Jamie Price; Nancy Renfro; Virginia Salmon; Lusetta Slagle; Michal Strutin; Recia Taylor. Guests: Pat Beard; Steven Patrick; Julia Roberson; Rita Scher.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Knoche
Secretary - Boone Tree Library Association
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