

Boone Tree Library Association Minutes September 20, 2005

The fall meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at the Wayne Basler Library, Northeast State Technical Community College, Blountville, TN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Rick Wallace, who introduced our host library and also the BTLA members who serve on the TLA board. Welcome to everyone.

News & Announcements:

- Rick explained member dues need to be current to make a motion, vote or participate in the business portion of the evening.
- The TLA annual meeting will be April 5-7, 2006 in Memphis. Rick suggested that because of distance and a number of people from our area that usually attend we may want to consider forming car pools or to charter a bus. The listserv will be an excellent opportunity to discuss our options as the date gets closer.
- Suresh Ponnappa announced the TENN-SHARE fall conference will be held on Friday Sep. 28 at the Nashville Public Library. Registration is still available until September 26th for those who may be interested.
- Rick introduced and welcomed Nelson Worley, who is the new director of Johnson City Public Library.
- Suresh Ponnappa was asked to talk about the traveling exhibit from ALA/NLM titled "Changing the Faces of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians", which is currently on display at the ETSU Sherrod Library from August 23-October 14, 2005. He mentioned the website address with details of the exhibit, honorees and the featured program presentations. This is a nationally prominent exhibit that will be touring the country with Johnson City as the first location.

Officers Report:

Webmaster: Chris Demas reported we have been receiving more hits on our website. He stated the documents on the website include the minutes from past meetings, presentations, bookmarks to print out and the membership list. He also reminded everyone of the user name and password to access this directory. Chris stated this is a low volume list and encouraged everyone to sign up for the list if they are not already. He asked:

1. Would a form to help make suggestions for the site be easier to post? A few responses as yes.
2. If we were familiar with RSS and would it be helpful (it is an XML file)? No response. After an explanation a discussion followed and he will work on this application to the site.

Suresh asked if there could be a link added for the TEL website and Chris stated he would add it.

Treasurer: Holly Russo stated there is \$410 in the treasury and reminded everyone to renew their dues.

Secretary: Motion from Clara Hasbrouck to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to be approved as written, second by Suresh Ponnappa. No corrections or additions suggested. Vote taken, no opposition; approved.

President's Report: Rick stated that he received about 25 responses to the survey that was sent via the listserv to approximately 50 members and also added to the website. He encouraged anyone, including the new members who may not have had an opportunity to participate to visit our website or complete a paper copy he brought tonight.

Old Business

The picnic in honor of National Library Worker's Day was started by Suresh Ponnappa two years ago at Rotary Park and has been an annual success. Last year BTLA helped sponsor this event and tonight Rick asked for volunteers to head up a committee for planning and possibly to get the press involved. Suresh volunteered to chair this committee with Dorothy Linton and also the members of the BTLA Leadership Team. The picnic has traditionally been on the Friday night during National Library Week, which will be Friday, April 7, 2006. The date may need to be adjusted because the TLA conference will be running simultaneously in Memphis with details to be arranged at a later date.

The Spring 2006 meeting will be a birthday/anniversary kind of celebration and will feature the old and new history of this organization. Clara Hasbrouck is working on the history of this organization. The leadership team would like to see the meeting at the new Bristol Public Library; however, our President will need to check with the Director regarding construction dates to arrange for a Thursday date in March or April of 2006. Rick stated there were two items to discuss:

1. To purchase a tree in honor of Elise Barrett, one of the founders of BTLA to be planted prior to the Spring meeting. Through her leadership she helped make the library program at ETSU a Masters level program. If accepted for this memorial the tree will be planted at ETSU Sherrod Library where she worked from 1948-1977. She was considered a mover and shaker of libraries during her tenure. A motion was made by Michelle Wyatt and seconded by Juliana Croy to apply for this project. The details of approximate cost, type of tree and memorial plaque program were discussed. A vote was taken, all agreed - none opposed; approved. Sue Knoche will fill out the forms needed to apply for participation in the memorial program at ETSU.
2. To start an annual Elise Barrette scholarship fund or award. A plaque commemorating an individual contribution to the library profession and/or BTLA may be awarded on an annual basis or specific need. Suresh Ponnappa made the motion to set up a committee that will establish the criteria or requirements needed. David Parsley seconded. No discussion. A vote taken, all agreed – none opposed; approved.

New Business

The TASL conference will be in Knoxville on November 3-4. Clara Hasbrouck, or Brenda Moriarty will be attending and have agreed to represent BTLA. The exhibit booth that was created for the TLA meeting last year will be set up with bookmarks and brochures available on the table as well.

Nominating Committee: We won't be voting until 1 year from now but Rick is asking for 3 volunteers that might be interested to work as a committee next year. Nobody volunteered and tabled until a later date.

Brick: A program at the Johnson City Public Library in conjunction with their 110th year anniversary is featuring an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick for the walkway of this library. The cost will be \$110 and the amount of letters in our association name will fit. The Leadership Team suggested using \$50 from the treasury with the remaining to come from donations of the membership. A motion to proceed with this purchase with the terms stated above was made by Clara Hasbrouck and second by Juliana Croy. No discussion. A vote taken, all agreed - none opposed; approved.

Fund raising: Sue Knoche stated we could sign up for a fundraising opportunity at Pizza Inn. We would need to commit at least 16 workers who would be available to work on a Thursday night. There is a potential for one night to earn \$500 or more in funds that would help with specific projects, i.e. the imagination library, hurricane relief for libraries, etc. The next opening is not until June, 2006 and if we sign up and decide at a later date not to participate we have an option to cancel as long as they are notified one month in advance. A waiting list is maintained so another group could easily fill this slot should we need to cancel. Another possibility would be to sell Worlds Finest Chocolate bars at \$2 each. A motion was made to sign up for the first date available at Pizza Inn by Betty Cobb; second by Suresh Ponnappa. A vote taken - none opposed; approved.

Michelle Wyatt introduced our guest, C. Keith Young, the Director of Northeast State Technical Community College, Elizabethton branch, and storyteller extraordinaire. His program tonight is called "Acoustic Chuckles". He performed songs, told many stories wearing his "story telling hat" that he said gives him inspiration. His performance style is very animated and ended with ghost story and a sing-a-long.

After the performance, a door prize drawing, for 5 books & an OCLC back pack, was held. [Note: no cost involved the items were obtained through vendors at the ALA conference.]

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michelle Wyatt. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Knoche, Secretary