Hart County Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Clark at 11:00 AM.

PRESENT: Those attending were Board members Carter, Clark, Manning, and Wright and Director Richard Sanders.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 12th meeting were read and approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Total cash available in Pinnacle Banks, $40,769.68 and Georgia Fund $32,679.72. The detailed report is attached. The report was accepted for audit.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

* There is still discussion of a library in Bowersville. Director Sanders will be attending a meeting to discuss it on Jan. 2.
* Director Sanders told of a possible 3% budget cut by the end of the year. There may also be a dilution of money due to a problem with St. Simons/Glynn County Library System.
* Director Sanders shared his notes from recent directors’ meetings and the COMO conference. These notes are attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

* The possibility of offering ebooks was discussed. At the present time, Overdrive is the only company that has ebooks compatible with the older version of Kindle. However, their pricing is steep, and only one copy of a book would be available for checkout at a time. More research needs to be done to see if there are other companies and what they offer.
* Director Sanders discussed the Elinor Bond Memorial Fund. She has given the library $30,000.00.  In the will, it stipulates that the library must place this money in an interest-bearing account and for five years, we can only spend the interest, and only for children’s books.  After five years, we can spend the principal as well as the interest, but, again, we can only use the money to buy children’s books.
* Director Sanders noted that a change needs to be made in the Library Constitution & Bylaws to reflect the change in meeting date and time of the Board of Trustees. Melody Wright moved to do so, with Mary Carter seconding. The motion was approved.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: No members were in attendance. However, Director Sanders reported that they have $5000 to spend towards improvements to meeting rooms and to increase the amount for children’s books.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Manning (for Secretary Kaye Chafin)