

SCOTT COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 8, 2012, 7:30 a.m.

Present

J. Rex Stacey, Comr. Barbara Marschall, ASCA Susan McNellis, Law Librarians Mary Freyberg and Barbara Taylor.

Change in Operating Hours

On April 4, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the Law Library changed its hours due to a change in the extended hours of operation of the Customer Service Department to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The attendance during these extended hours has been very low, only four customers in the four weeks preceding the meeting. The recommendation was that the Trustees approve a return to closure at 4:30 p.m. each day. Motion for approval was made by J. Stacey, seconded by McNellis, with a unanimous vote of approval.

Statistics

Patronage at the Law Library decreased, as it did in most libraries, in 2012, declining from 13,590 in 2011 to 12,036 visitors in 2012. Phone calls seeking assistance, such as “walking thru” callers attempting to use electronic court forms, has not decreased. Ms. Freyberg predicted that library use will increase when electronic court filings are required in 2015.

Programs

The Law Library conducted 27 legal clinic programs in 2012 on a number of topics, three less than in 2011. That is considerably more than any law library in the state, as reported by Ms. Freyberg. The law library staff plans on continuing to offer clinics on nine different subjects in 2013.