Minutes
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
May 3, 2017

Susan Alexander, Sue Porr, Bill Tannenbaum, Mary Dutton, and Jeff Hockaday were present. Ernest Morgan, Bill Cline and Amy Dalrymple were absent. The Director Susan Benning was present. There were not any public comments.

The Library Director gave the following report:

A. Old Business

1. Interviews were held and a candidate was selected. Her name is Christy Allison Sills. She went for a drug test yesterday and she accepted the offer. She has worked at two libraries and has experience.

2. The Director gave an update on the new library website. The work has begun by the website design team. This project will allow Lee County Library to share the cost of a $6000 website development template within Springshare. Our part will be a one-time $300 fee and the templates can be reused over and over again. We will be billed in the new fiscal year.

3. Students and teachers statewide are using NC Digital Kids to download ebooks from the website, https://nckids.overdrive.com/. So far, over 33,000 e-books have checked out during the time period February – April 30, 2017.

4. The Director repeated some of the previous month's report for the benefit of those who missed that meeting. Joyce McGehee at HR checked old payroll records and the library staff did use to work nights before the budget cuts that occurred in 2008/2009 which led to reduced hours of operation. If the new Outreach Specialist position is approved, library hours will be expanded at the main branch and at Broadway. If the full time staff work one night a month and one Saturday a month, it will save the county money on operational expenses. The standard in public libraries is the full time staff work one night a week and one weekend a month. The hours at Broadway would increase from 16 to 20 hours a week. At the main branch, the library would be open three nights a week (instead of two) and 10-5 on Saturdays (instead of 10-2) increasing hours of operation from 55 hours to 61 hours a week. Full time library staff would work one night a month and one Saturday a month if the new Outreach position is approved.

5. The Director gave an update on NCPLDA meeting

   a) The NCPLDA is going all out with their request for a 7 million increase in State Aid to Public Libraries. Part of that increase would go to NC Digital Kids and NC LIVE.
   b) Internet safety presentation
   c) A New remodeled library in Winston-Salem will be opening in late May/June
   d) A survey about the homework gap (kids without internet access at home affecting their ability to do homework) is available online and at the library. Possible future solutions including using whitespace left by analog televisions to create a 5 mile radius of free Wi-Fi extending out from public libraries. This choice would have a one-time equipment cost of $8-$10,000 or negotiating lower monthly rates for Wi-Fi hot spot equipment to be checked out for one week at a time. The hotspots equipment is free but the monthly cost is $35 per month per unit.

6. The county attorney and Mr. Crumpton are still in the process of reviewing Ike Spivey's cemetery database project. Six Volunteers from the Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society has agreed to bring the database current and will look up and record the obituaries from 2004 – present day. It should only take a couple of years.

7. The Dion Wingate author program had 22 attendees.

8. The Regional Quiz Bowl program went well. North Davidson was the winner. Jordan and Robert handled the event with the help of volunteers. Thank you notes are being sent out.

New Business

1. The monthly Safety report was in the Board members packet for review. There have been some incidents outside and inside the building demonstrating the need for a security system with exterior cameras. The Director has asked for no loitering signs after the library closes. The Director will investigate removal of the bench under the portico. The board thinks it would eliminate problems of the homeless sleeping on the bench.

2. The next Ancestry class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 2017 at 10:00 -11:15 am. There are usually six students. The Director has lined up a volunteer to continue these classes after June.

3. Two - three adult book programs are being planned. One with *Money to Burn* by Bill Brown, and *Suburban Burn* by Ty Stumpf, and *A Resume of a Desperate Woman* by Valerie Miller Simpson

4. Technology update: Four adult brain game Launchpad tablets have been purchased and soon will be available for checkout. A new television and wall mount will also be purchased for the library.

5. The library has two new volunteers Karen Speelman and Beth Cockman-Wood is working at the main branch.

6. NC Reads is new program announced by State School Superintendent. The State Librarian has asked public libraries to assist to provide free new books and/or donated books to children. I was able to get free new children's books on money and saving. I am continuing to look. We are also collecting donated books from the book sale.

7. The Board had reviewed the circulation policies and procedures. A motion was made byJeff Hockaday to accept the Circulation Policies and Procedures and Mary Dutton seconded the motion. The Board voted aye.

B. Other Business
Susan Alexander announced she was resigning from the Library Board on June 30, 2017. Mary Dutton signed the revised Library bylaws voted on at the previous meeting.

With no further business, the Board voted to adjourn.

Susan B. Alexander — 7 Jun 2017

Susan Alexander, Chair — Date

Susan Benning — June 7, 2017

Secretary to the Library Board of Trustees — Date