

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustee Meeting

August 5, 2015

Lee County Library

Present were Susan Alexander, Ed Underwood, Colvin Vadrin-King, Mary Dutton, Jeff Hockaday, Ernest Morgan. Norma Piestrak and Dr. Ricky Frazier were absent. Susan Benning and Joyce McGehee also attended.

Susan Alexander called the meeting to order and introduced the new Board members. Joyce McGehee, a notary, administered the oath of office to the two new Board members Jeff Hockaday and Mary Dutton.

There was a call for public comment but no one was present to speak.

The minutes of the June Board meeting were discussed. After comments were made about the smoking issue, Ernest Morgan made the motion to approve the minutes and Vadrin Colvin King seconded the motion. The Board voted aye to accept the minutes.

Old Business

The Director gave an update on Old Business. The two LSTA grants are still in the process of being administered. Everything for both grants has been ordered and some have arrived. A proposal will be made to the Historical Society to collaborate writing a grant to the DAR for a state of the art digital microfilm scanner reader printer that hooks up to a computer. There will be a 2% cut to State Aid this year. At the legislature in Raleigh no progress has been made on the two library bill initiatives – to restore State Aid to the pre-2011 levels and the one-time \$10 Million to public libraries as a competitive grant in the House. The legislature will meet to discuss and vote sometime in August.

On August 17th, there are three library agenda items going before the Board of Commissioners 1. The MOA between Lee County and NC Cardinal, the budget reduction and revisions, and the State Aid packet which include the application for the grant money and the Lee County Library Five Year Plan.

At the September Commissioners' meeting, the Director will present the P.O. for the new library vehicle to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.

New Business

Under new business, the Library Board discussed the library getting a movie license. Jeff Hockaday made a motion to approve and Colvin Vadrin King seconded the motion. The motion was approved by an aye vote.

The Library Board reviewed the Five Year Plan and the revisions highlighted in yellow and Jeff made the motion to approve. Mary Dutton and Colvin Vadrin King seconded the motion. The Five Year Plan was approved by an aye vote.

The Director gave a report on changes in the main part of the library, the administering of the two grants, the changes in the local history room, putting genre stickers on books, finding homes for the

tropical plants, new seat cushions, and vandalism of a planter. The Summer Reading Program had 19 programs, 1,274 attendees, and children read for 12, 600 minutes. Staff took a productivity study and are implementing ways to increase circulation. 59 people attended the NC History Quiz Bowl presented by the Museum of the Cape Fear. The Friends of the Library sponsored the prizes. The outside of the library was power washed and a new conference room was created after roof repairs were made to the old genealogy room.

Upcoming programs include Cynthia Raxter, Story Teller on August 20, 2015 at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Theo Wilburn will lead a discussion of *Go Set a Watchman*, Harper Lee's book on September 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The FOL book sale will be held Thursday, September 17th 5:00 – 8:00 pm as a Preview Sale for Members of the Friends of the Library only. People can join at the door. On Friday September 18, 2015 the sale will be open 10:00 – 5:00 pm and on Saturday September 18th from 10:00 – 1:00 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. Board members toured the library to see the changes.

Susan Alexander

Susan Alexander, Chair

Susan Benning

Secretary to the Library Board of Trustees

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September 2, 2015

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