

Minutes

Library Board of Trustees

June 3, 2015 Meeting at Lee County Library

Susan Alexander, Chairperson called the meeting to order. Present were Vadrin Colvin King, Susan Alexander, Ernest Morgan, Edgar Underwood, Norma Piestrak and Susan Benning. Judy Watson, James Lehman and Commissioner Ricky Frazier were absent.

A call was made for public comments, but no visitors were present. The minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were read and with no discussion, the board voted to accept the minutes and Susan Alexander signed the official copy.

Library Director Report

Old Business

The Lee County Board of commissioners accepted LSTA grant award for \$25,936.06 for 20 HP Elite laptops with MS Office, security and LoJack software, 20 mice, 10 plastic tables, and one Smart Board. JobLink partnered with the library so the library would only have to match 10% instead of 25% of the amount. The Enrichment Center will also be involved in this project. This grant has a 10% match. The Friends of the Library have offered to pay for the grant match.

Work continues on the version 2.0 of Springshare website. Website can be accessed through the County website or www.leecountync.gov/library. The plan is to buy the grant items in groups of three and use the first reimbursement to pay for the second.

The library is still waiting to hear about the other grants – ALA Latino Hispanic Americans, Cannon Foundation, the Dollar General and the LSTA for \$5,000.

The last grant application was written for a LSTA grant in the amount of about \$5,000 for bringing in new cable for 100 mbps connectivity. Wireless access routers, two desktop towers and two tablets/e-readers. Currently, the library has 10 mbps and depending on the usage sometimes the speed is 1 mbps. We will hear if we won this grant on June 25th.

The library will soon be accepting Mastercard, Discover or Visa payment and debit card payments. The patron if they choose to pay with the credit card will have a transaction fee of \$1.95 for a charge payment and \$1.00 for a debit payment. American Express cards cannot be accepted.

The no smoking signs placed outside the building appear to be working. Smokers have moved further away from the portico. The boy scout working on his Eagle Scout award will build the "little free library" this fall.

APC Power strips in use at 16 workstations at the main library and at Broadway were replaced after being recalled for fire hazard.

New Business

A wish list was presented to the Friends of the Library for a DVD/CD cleaning machine, art gallery hanging system, and ear bud mini headphones. They will not be paying the \$6,000 fee

for e-books this year. They did donate funds for the Summer Reading Program performers and the N.C. History Quiz Bowl.

The Lee County Commissioners have reviewed the new FY 2015-2016 Library budget recommended by the Library Board of Trustees and have had several budget workshops.

Susan gave an update on the bill in the Legislature which if passed would provide money for a one time competitive grant process. This bill was in the House of Representatives. The Senate bill if passed would increase State Aid to public libraries.

Susan described some rearrangements of library sections to improve customer service. The Board walked through the library rooms where the Director is wishing to make some changes and thought it was a good plan.

The Commissioners will appoint 6 members on the Library Board of Trustees vacancies on June 15, 2015.

The Director, Susan Alexander and Irene Smith went to a Fundraising Summit in Charlotte and learned how Foundations are used to run capital campaigns for libraries. The attendees also heard about repurposing older structures for libraries. Photos of old grocery stores converted to libraries were shown to the Board. There are several examples in NC including the Harnett County Library and the Northeast Branch in Wilmington, N.C. These renovations of grocery/retail stores into libraries usually cost \$4-\$6.5 million as opposed to \$17-24 million for a new structure.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan B Alexander

Susan Alexander, Chair

Susan M Benning

Secretary to the Library Board of Trustees

5 Aug 2015

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