

Lancaster County Library

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Lancaster County Library

313 South White Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

Members Present:

George Kirlin

Anne Murphy

Debby Hegler

Phyllis Jarvis

Dr. Jim Timmons

Keith Grey, Sr.

Members Absent Excused:

Maryetta Taylor

Paulette Isoldi

Members Absent Unexcused:

Dr. Deborah Cureton

Staff Present:

April Williams, Director

Nancy Berry, Deputy Director

Tally Johnson, Deputy Director

Call To Order: 6:44 PM by George Kirlin, Chair

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept J Timmons 2nd K Grey. All approved

Acceptance of November Minutes:

- Correction of newest board member, P Isoldi's name

Motion to accept as amended: D. Hegler; 2nd J. Timmons. All approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Local Authors program occurred on December 5. Roughly twenty authors attended.
- County employee annual lunch was December 12
- Building off the success with the seed library, a pollinator garden will be built at the Main Library. A grant is funding this, which includes irrigation. It will feature native plants and be an official SC Wildlife Federation habitat. (Partnership with Lancaster County Soil and Water as well as SC Wildlife Federation.)
- March 20th will have a program tie into the pollinator garden with a container garden workshop.
- In May, Savannah Jordan for SC Wildlife Federation will present.
- The shrink wrapped bookmobile has arrived and is parked in the parking lot.
 - Next step, awaiting hearing from the County regarding hiring an employee as an outreach librarian; installing a ramp for the book carts, ribbon cutting.
- February 19 is annual legislation day for libraries. Our library will reach out to our local elected state representatives (Newton, Neese, and Yow).
- Staffing change - N. Berry and T. Johnson have switched branches. Additionally, T. Johnson is now a co-deputy director. Congratulations to all!
- A. Williams has been appointed treasurer of the state library association for a 2 year term. Congratulations!
- We reviewed some pending legislation and the SCLA's recommendations for a per capita aid increase.

Deputy Directors' Reports:

- T. Johnson
 - Since move has met with the staff.
 - Technical trainings are scheduled
 - Met with Friends of Del Webb and assisting them with a survey.
- N. Berry
 - Smooth transition
 - Changing the flow of the shelving to enhance security and ADA compliance.
 - Weeded the collection and donated books to prison.
 - Preparing for Library Lovers Day (Feb. 14)

Financials:

- Considering looking for donation sponsors for the pollinator garden.
- Fines and fees collected so far are at roughly \$18,000!

Statistics:

- Brief discussion on how balanced we are with interconsortium loans.

Discussion

- The County's budget kickoff is scheduled for February 5. Our big request is for staffing for the bookmobile. In the future, if the Board wishes for additional funds or staffing in the budget, we need to ask in November.
- Five members (G. Kirlin, D. Hegler, P. Jarvis, M. Taylor, and A. Murphy) all have terms expiring on June 2025. Members will need to be prepared to discuss in March if they wish to apply for another term. Applications should be submitted 60 days in advance for appointments.
- It is with deep regret that we submit library board member Dr. Deborah Cureton's name for termination. She has served over a decade of service to the library and many more years to public service. She will be missed.
- Finally, A. Murphy wanted to discuss an audit based on SC Proviso 27.1. None of the other board members felt it was necessary.
- With the new County rules, please have ALL agenda items to G. Kirlin by the 15th of meeting months.

Next Meeting: March 25 at the Lancaster branch.

Adjourn: 8:21 PM by K. Grey and 2nd P. Jarvis