

## Minutes of Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

January 27, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

### Westminster Library

Trustees present: Danny Day, Chairman; Ellis Hughes, Vice Chair; Bill Caster, Secretary; Becky Hetherington, Maria Jacobson, Marie McMahan, Holly McPheeters, Alisa Suddeth, Priscilla Taylor

Staff present: Philip Cheney, Library Director; K'Lani Green, Branch Services Librarian; Leah Price, Westminster Branch manager; Blair Hinson, Seneca Branch manager

Guests: Barb Askew, Friends of the Library president

- I. Call to order: Chairman Day opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes: a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting and the January 8, 2014 meeting was made by Bill Caster. Holly McPheeters seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment: None

Chairman Day noted that the presentation to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission had gone well, and thanked Ellis Hughes, the Board and library staff. Chairman Day left and Vice Chair Hughes assumed the role of presiding over the meeting.

#### IV. Friends of the Library Report presented by Barb Askew:

Book sales: December, 2013-- \$1,096, \$105 Walhalla lobby sales. The totals for 2013:-\$12,013.15, Walhalla lobby sales: \$1554.00. Book sales in January, 2014 realized \$1054.25, with Saturday sales of \$1,295.00. Publicity has been great; two bookstores in Greenville bought a lot of books for their stores. New dehumidifiers for the Walhalla basement have arrived. Josie Rabbitt, reporter from the *Seneca Journal*, did an article on the book sale. The new *Let's Talk About It* series starts February 10, 2014. The Friends' annual meeting is set for March 16, 2014.

#### V. Committee Reports

- a. Finance: Alisa Suddeth. No report.
- b. Policy/Personnel: Priscilla Taylor. K'Lani Green is updating the outreach policy.
- c. Building & Grounds: Bill Caster. No tour of the libraries planned yet, but he reads bi-monthly reports from each of the branch managers.
- d. Community Relations: Ellis Hughes. The information from the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission presentation is on the OCPL website. Ms. Hughes suggested that the Director or managers present the PowerPoint of the application to library staff.
- e. Capital Projects: Alisa Suddeth. Ms. Suddeth commented on the successful presentation to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.

- VI. Chairman's Report. No report.
- VII. Director's Report: Mr. Cheney distributed a February calendar, which included the Presidents Day holiday , in-service day, and the legislative day visit to Columbia. At Mr. Cheney's request, K'Lani Green reported on the Little Free Libraries project in Mountain Rest. Five locations have been secured and the Friends are providing the books. A launch tour with news coverage is in the planning stages.

. Holly McPheeters asked for explanation of some of the statistics in the bi-monthly statistical report from November and December, 2013. She suggested that explanatory notes be included in the future.

- VIII. Old Business: Mr. Cheney asked for more feedback on the Capital Project Sales Tax application, noting that there was no new plan for the Seneca Library because there was no money for plans. He reported that he had sent Beth Hulse, Clerk for County Council as well as for the Commission, a link to 2012-2013 public library building costs in *Library Journal*.
- IX. New Business: Oconee County's Library Legislative Day in Columbia, is Wednesday, February 19, 2014. The goals for this year's legislative session are as follows: \$1.25 per capita in State Aid to public libraries to come from recurring funds, not lottery money; State Library's request for increase to fund DISCUS increases; \$2 million from lottery money to be distributed to public libraries; and passage of S. 813, which concerns banning problem patrons from public libraries.
- X. Adjourn: Alisa Suddeth moved to adjourn, Bill Caster seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.