



Oconee County Public Library

Minutes of meeting of Library Board of Trustees--

May 18, 2015—Westminster Library, Westminster, SC, 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Bill Caster, Danny Day, Becky Hetherington, Ellis Hughes, Maria Jacobson, Marie McMahan, Holly McPheeters, Alisa Suddeth

Members absent: Kelly Holleman

Staff/guests present: Philip Cheney, Director; Blair Hinson, Branch Services Librarian; Leah Price, Westminster Branch manager; Barb Askew, President of the Friends of the Library; Leesa Benggio, Acting Director, South Carolina State Library; Edda Cammick, Oconee County Council;

Members of the press present: none.

- I. **Call to Order:** meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Day at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes from March 25; 2015 Board meeting were considered, with a motion to approve by Bill Caster, and seconded by Holly McPheeters, passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment:** none. Chairman Day recognized Edda Cammick, Oconee County Council. Ms. Cammick commented that she has made a point to visit all the public libraries in Oconee County. She is a frequent user in the Seneca and Salem Libraries. Ms. Cammick also discussed the founding of a library foundation, which is underway. Chair also recognized Leesa Benggio, acting director of the State Library, as a special guest.

Ms. Benggio commended OCPL's director for his regular presence in Columbia, attending library directors' events and representing Oconee County well in the capital. Ms. Benggio also discussed her recent visit to Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. While there she asked for an increase in Library Services and Technology Act funding, which is used in South Carolina to pay for the statewide subscription to Mango Languages and other databases, and to provide grants to public libraries. Ms. Benggio recognized OCPL's Youth services Librarian Stacie Powell for her partnership with the schools. In the upcoming state budget, she stated that it appears that libraries will get \$1.50 per capita. The State Library is also second on the list for receiving lottery funds. Ms. Benggio is a member of the State's broadband committee and is shepherding efforts to get more broadband coverage across the state. In connection with OCPL's proposed library foundation, Ms. Benggio pointed out that people give money to things they are passionate about.

- IV. **Friends Report:** REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAY 18, 2015

Income March: book sale--\$997.00; Walhalla lobby sales--107.00 + 54.00 (Feb), 33.00

V. (Mar); (Seneca)=\$194.00 Total deposited: \$1191.00

April: book sale--\$753.00; Saturday sale--650.00;
Walhalla lobby sale--140.00; gift certificate--50.00
Total deposit: \$1593.00

May (as of 5/18): Book sale--\$1109.0 Walhalla lobby sales--45.00;
Seneca (April)=\$37.00 Total deposited: \$1191.00

Expenses: Summer Reading Program, around \$1,000.00 so far.

Regular bi-monthly meeting, May 19, 2015.

Jean Mercer awarded **Lucile Bellott Moore Award** as volunteer of the year.

Baby Fair: Ellen Plumpe and Barb Askew attended with OCPL staff member D.J. Roach and demonstrated Read to Me there

Gifts: Shelves from the Hughes (plaques); Seneca branch shelves

By-laws: final approval by Friends of the Library at their regular meeting on May 19.

Ms. Askew also mentioned the Friends' desire to fund Little Free Libraries in Fair Play and Long Creek (and Townville, if in the county).

Let's Talk About It: final session tonight, 5/18/2015, at the Walhalla Library.

VI. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** No report.
- b. **Policy and Personnel Committee:** no report.
- c. **Building and Grounds Committee:** Mr. Caster inspected the new parking lot in Westminster. Also pointed out the drip pan HVAC leak in the Walhalla Library.
- d. **Community Relations Committee:** Ellis Hughes mentioned that the community relations committee met to build a list of people in the community that would be influential and would start engaging library supporters. They are planning a "meet & greet" in the fall, 2015. Ms. Hughes passed out a couple of worksheets that outlined next steps for the group in establishing a list of supporters and crafting the message.
- e. **Capital Projects Committee:** No report.

VII. Chairman's Report: Chairman discussed roadblocks in establishing foundation, mainly finding time to meet with County Attorney Tom Martin. He stated that it would be up and

running by the July, 2015, Board meeting. Chairman Day also referenced recent construction projects like the roof on the Walhalla Library and the parking lot in Westminster.

- VIII. **Director's Report:** Mr. Cheney discussed the library's purchase of a ScanPro 3000 microfilm reader with computer, noting that State Aid funds were used. He also mentioned that OCPL will proceed with its oral history project, despite not winning a Story Corps grant. Branch Services Librarian Blair Hinson and Walhalla Manager Emily Embry will attend an oral history seminar in Atlanta at the Atlanta History Center on Tuesday, May 19. Mr. Cheney also informed the trustees that OCPL is purchasing the LibGuides content management system and e-magazines through Ebsco.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS:** Board's strategic plan implementation continues. Chairman Day provided a progress report. Bill Caster attended a May County Council meeting and an invitation was extended to members of County Council to attend the May meeting of the Library Board. Ms. Cammick accepted the invitation.
- X. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Increase in copy prices for black & white copies from \$0.10 to \$0.15 per copy. Becky Hetherington made motion to approve the increase. Bill Caster seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - B. Board member Bill Caster and Branch Services Librarian Blair Hinson attended a Fundraising Summit put on by Foundation for the Carolinas in Charlotte, NC on May 15, 2015. Mr. Caster discussed the agenda of the summit and information received.
 - C. **FOCUS Wi-Fi in Fair Play:** Holly McPheeters is still working on a location to provide space for wifi equipment.
 - D. **Leadership Oconee County:** Leah Price, Westminster Branch manager, graduated this year, and Robena Barton, Technical Services Librarian, will be attending this coming year, 2015-16. Leah Price has been appointed to the Board of Leadership Oconee County. Mr. Cheney extended an invitation to Board members to consider signing up for this program.
- XI. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ellis Hughes and seconded by Bill Caster. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, Branch Services Librarian