



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, January 27, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Westminster Library, 112 W. North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Members present: Allison Addison, Beverle Brackett, Kell Holleman, Lisa Martin, Chanda Morrison, Cliff Powell, Diane Smathers

Members absent: Katie Campbell Smith, Alisa Suddeth

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director; Leah Price, Westminster Branch Manager

Press: Rile Morningstar, *Seneca Journal*

I. Call to Order: called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of November 25, 2019- motion to approve by B. Brackett, second by K. Holleman. Approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Limit of (4) minutes per person, 30 minutes total: none.

IV. Friends' Report: Director gave the Friends report. Book sales for November were \$1,251.60; for December, \$837.90. The Friends have been working towards raising additional funds for an external book drop at the Seneca Library. They are also looking for some new volunteers.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance: none.

B. Policy /Personnel: none.

C. Building and Grounds: none.

D. Community Relations: none.

E. Capital Projects: none.

VI. Chairman's Report: none.

VII. Director's Report: Director reported on having attended the library's annual Legislative Day in Columbia, and also attending a meeting of the legislative delegation in Westminster, SC. The Association of State Library Administrators is asking the legislature to increase State Aid to Public Libraries from the current \$2.00 per capita to \$2.25 per capita, with a \$100,000.00 minimum for the smaller counties. Members of the delegation seemed supportive of the increase. Discussion ensued about Education Lottery funding for libraries. C.

Morrison asked about the “Drag Queen Story Hour” in Greenville County and how it related to Lottery funding and education. There was further discussion. C. Morrison also asked the Director about tracking hours spent helping patrons with technology on a one-to-one basis. Director mentioned that he would discuss with staff.

VIII. Old Business

A. Nettles Trust money : Director mentioned that there were now several “concrete” projects, such as a study room in Seneca, and a plan to swap the children’s area and adult computer area at the Walhalla Main Library. The Director mentioned that staff would be seeking public input in March, 2020, on some of these projects.

B. Staff parking lot at Walhalla Library : no news to report, except that the DOT and City of Walhalla were still discussing a few issues like tree removal from the property. C. Powell asked about why it was taking so long, and stated that he might check into the length of time in his role as a Board member, and as a realtor who deals with a lot of encroachment issues. Discussion ensued.

IX. New Business

A. Introduction of automatic renewals: Director reported that a recent update of the ILS (integrated library system), TLC’s LS2Staff, will allow for automatic renewals of materials up to the three renewal limit. There will need to be some discussion among staff and administration about the fines and fine income implications, and other issues that might arise. Also, with Phil Bergen’s departure as Technical Services Librarian, the Director asked the Board to postpone a vote on allowing automatic renewals until the March meeting.

B. Approve closing early for volunteer appreciation event in April, 2020: motion to approve by B. Brackett, seconded by C. Powell. Approved.

C. Tour of Bookmobile: given.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. by B. Brackett, seconded by L. Martin. Meeting adjourned.