



## Minutes

### Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Members present: A. Addison, S. Henderson, L. Kuemmerer, N. McKinney, D. Smathers, M. Alles White

Members absent: P. Holcombe, N. Miranda, C. Powell

Press: Lauren Pierce, *Seneca Journal*

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order, 5:30

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of March 23, 2021: Motion made by S. Henderson, seconded by M. Alles White; motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total. If you would like to have a comment entered into the record and cannot attend, please email [bhinson@oconeesc.com](mailto:bhinson@oconeesc.com) or call 864-364-5705.—None.

IV. Friends' Report: Director reported that the Friends of the Library are now having regular Thursday sales, without an appointment, from 11:00-3:30. The Friends' sales income from all sources is nearly back to pre-COVID-19 levels. The Friends will also be assisting with a dedication of the new service desk in Seneca.

#### March sales:

Lobby	\$219
Grab Bags	\$168
Seneca	\$42
Booth	\$287.64
Thursdays	\$853
Total March Sales	\$1,569.64

#### April Sales:

Basement	\$1,176.50
Booth	\$285.76
Grab Bags	\$117.00
Lobby	\$183.00
Seneca	\$24.00
Ivan	\$394.49

Total April Sales \$2,180.75

V. Committee Reports: none

- A. Finance
- B. Policy/Personnel
- C. Building and Grounds
- D. Community Relations
- E. Capital Projects

VI. Chair's Report: Chair commented on the new service desk at Seneca Branch. Chair also encouraged Board members to join the Friends of the Library. Chair also made members aware of, and encouraged them to participate in, Summer Reading for this year.

VII. Director's Report: Director commented on changes in services with respect to evolving guidance on COVID-19. Director also commented briefly on the progress on local and State Aid budgets for the library.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update Board by-laws and committee designations/assignments: Board agreed to change the titles of officers in Article II to be gender-neutral. For additional changes, the Board agreed to create an ad hoc committee consisting of L. Kuemmerer, M. Alles White, and chair, to review and mark-up the existing by-laws, and charged them to compile comments from other members and to suggest changes to the full Board by the July, 2021, meeting. A motion was made by M. Alles White, seconded by L. Kuemmerer. Creation of committee passed unanimously.

B. Staff parking lot at Walhalla Library: Director provided a brief update with no real changes to current status.

C. Update Board about Seneca Library roof and circulation desk: Director reported about the completion of the service desk on April 20. A dedication will be held on Monday, June 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the Seneca Branch. The roofing project at the Seneca Branch is about to wrap up.

IX. New Business

- A. Re-examine strategic plan and discuss the next one: The Board discussed whether to simply extend the current plan or to review it with the idea of extending things that could still be done and updating things that had already been accomplished. Discussion ensued about waiting until after the by-laws were revised. The final decision was to review and set a timeline for revision or updating the plan by the July, 2021, Board meeting.

B. Update about COVID-19: Director gave a brief update about the library's ongoing response and changes due to the pandemic. Discussion ensued. There was also discussion about posting the agenda for the Library Board meetings in the branches, since not everyone would see the notices in the media or online.

#### Executive Session

[upon reconvening the Board may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

None scheduled.

X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn made by D. Smathers, seconded by N. McKinney. Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, staff liaison