



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Addison, Alles White, Brackett, Holcombe, Kuemmerer, Miranda, Powell

Members absent: Henderson, McKinney

Staff: Blair Hinson

Press: none.

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order by the Director, in lieu of the chair.
- II. Election of chair: Allison Addison was put forward by the nominating committee; was elected unanimously. Chair took over presiding.
- III. Approval of minutes: meeting of November 23, 2021: motion made to approve by Alles White, seconded by Kuemmerer; motion approved.
- IV. 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 or call 864-364-5705: None.

V. Friends' Report

Friends are now also selling at Mountain Mocha in downtown Walhalla;

Used Books Sales figures: November \$1251.60; December \$837.90

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance: none.
- B. Policy/Personnel: none.
- C. Building and Grounds: none.
- D. Community Relations: none.

VII. Chairman's Report: Chair welcomed new member B. Brackett; also briefly reviewed past year (2021) graphic; mentioned the contributions of the Lake and Hills Garden Club to the Seneca Branch from their award from National Disaster Fund, \$879.11.

VIII. Director's Report: mentioned information resource center from Carolina Family Resource Center, mentioned great attendance at children's programming, mentioned location of Monarch Park at the Seneca Branch property, mentioned new amphitheater in Seneca.

IX. Old Business

A. Discuss committees and assignments: Chair sent an email to members on 6 December 2021 with names of chairs; committees will populate with additional members and begin to discuss assignments; brief discussion ensued about roles of committees.

B. Review Empower Oconee activities: equipment has been cataloged and distributed, some items are still back-ordered. Bethany Culp, cataloger, had also undertaken to reorganize and standardize all policies and staff procedures concerning “library of things.”

X. New Business

A. Election of other officers: nominating committee forwarded names for vice-chair and sec/treasurer: L. Kuemmerer was voted in as vice-chair, and M. Alles White was voted in as Sec/Treasurer. Each vote unanimous.

B. Discussion of grant opportunity to partner with Clemson Rural Health: Director outlined application for grant for social worker/resource assistant with Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare entitled “Improving Access to Healthcare in Oconee County.”

Board also requested Director include strategic plan in March background packet.

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.

XI. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Miranda, seconded by Powell. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, staff liaison