



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, County Administration Bldg., 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC

Members present: A. Addison, M. Alles White, L. Kuemmerer, N. McKinney, C. Powell, T. Weekes

Members absent: S. Henderson, P. Holcombe, N. Miranda

Staff: Blair Hinson, Liaison

Press: none

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- II. Approval of minutes: July 23, 2024 regular meeting. Alles White motioned for approval, Kuemmerer seconded. Minutes approved.
- 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 or call 864-364-5705. None.

IV. Friends' Report: Director offered information about sales figures (available in background) and discussed the Friends' support for a small conference room to be built in the Walhalla Main Branch. The room will be built with donations in memory of Maria Macaulay, a long time library supporter, Library Board and Friends chair/member.

- V. Committee Reports (if submitted)
 - A. Finance: none
 - B. Policy/Personnel: none; still need to revisit by-laws
 - C. Building and Grounds: none
 - D. Community Relations: L. Kuemmerer mentioned about the libraries hosting voter registration tables in their branches.

VI. Chair's Report

VII. Director's Report: mentioned building of room in Walhalla; mentioned wrapping two of the library vehicles; mentioned adding Library of Things items; also mentioned IT working on the Wi-Fi to create separate network for the library and the possibility of having wireless printing; and mentioned adding new electronic resources (Hoopla), Hispanic Heritage Festival, Youth Services, and that Food Share and CAFÉ (Clemson Area Food Exchange) are now using the Walhalla Library as pick up sites.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Discussion of wage and time use study by the County: has been completed; salaries took affect 4 October 2024; did also seek and get raises for PT Staffmark personnel; should help with recruiting and retention
- B. Discuss progress on ADA ramp in Seneca: bids will be open until 22 October 2024; site visit was upcoming with prospects

IX. New Business

- A. Discuss/vote on changes to reciprocal and out-of-county borrowing: with amendment to add wording to include electronic materials, motion to accept by Weekes, seconded by Alles White. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Discuss/vote on sunset of electronic borrowing: need to sunset this category of borrower that was started during COVID-19 period; will end on 31 December 2024; motion by Addison, seconded by Weekes, motion passed unanimously.
- X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Alles White, seconded by Powell, adjourned at 6:10 PM