



PICKENS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM July 21, 2022
Hampton Memorial Library, Easley

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Ms. Susan Childers, Vice Chair
Ms. Karen Culley
Ms. Lori Osborn

EX OFFICIO: Ms. Stephanie Howard, Library Director
STAFF: Stacey Roberson, Executive Assistant

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a notice of the meeting was sent to newspapers and a copy of the Board Agenda was sent to the Presidents of all Friends Groups.

Ms. Childers called the meeting to order at 6:05PM
This was an informational meeting as there was not a quorum present.
Notes are presented below.

Approval of the June 16th Board Meeting Minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Ms. Howard reported that the Summer Reading program is still going well. The turnout for the programs is so great that, due to reaching maximum capacity, we have added additional dates for some of our programs, one of which is the Painting Party. The finale and prize drawings for the Summer Reading program will occur on August 1st at 3 pm, live on Facebook. Ms. Howard reported that the remote lockers in Six Mile need to have a cement pad before they can be installed, and the remote lockers should be complete next month. The design for the wrap of the remote lockers is a showcase to the Cherokee and Choctaw tribes for the legend of Issaquena. Ms. Howard informed the members of the Board that the Outreach van received some damage to it, and that the van will have to be scheduled to be repaired and re-wrapped, once the parts are in stock. However, the van is usable in the meantime. Ms. Howard and Ms. Hamilton have met with 3 local design companies for the Gregorie Park green space. The companies are preparing designs and quotes for Gregorie Park and will be presenting those to Ms. Howard for consideration. Ms. Howard is aiming for a dedication ceremony for the park in the fall. The Director reported that the statistics for everything is going up significantly.

PLANNING AND FINANCE –

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Ms. Howard presented the financial report for review.

FOUNDATION REPORT –

The foundation report was presented for review. Ms. Culley recommended that we discuss some fundraising opportunities for the Foundation at future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

The request to move the next meeting from September 15th to September 22nd due to the Library Director attending the ARSL Conference. The meeting was rescheduled for Sept. 22 at the Village Branch in Pickens.

DISCUSSION –

Susan Childers suggested a news release for the remote lockers and the meaning behind the graphics, once the remote lockers are close to installation. Ms. Howard confirmed that there would be a news release, as well as a grand opening of the remote lockers, all of which are funded by the grant that was received for the remote lockers.

Lori Osborn recommended that Ms. Howard look into having benches with the divider into the middle to prevent people sleeping on the benches. Ms. Howard stated that the Easley Police Department does well to patrol the area and that we do not currently have this issue with the Kimberly Hampton Park.

The Director suggested that there be some art pieces/sculptures in the Gregorie Park and in the libraries to incorporate local artisans and their work.

Karen Culley proposed that there be naming opportunities for the benches and trees and plants, to raise money for the Foundation, as well as bring recognition to the Gregorie Park. Ms. Culley also proposed that there could be a sculpture or other art piece for Keme Williams in Gregorie Park.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022, in Pickens.

Minutes prepared by Stacey Roberson, Executive Assistant.