



PICKENS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
6:00 PM June 16, 2022
Hampton Memorial Library, Easley

IN ATTENDANCE - BOARD: Ms. Susan Childers, Vice Chair
Ms. Karen Culley
Ms. Rebekah Hemphill
Mr. Danny Parton
Ms. Lori Osborn

EX OFFICIO: Ms. Stephanie Howard, Library Director
STAFF:

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 6:00PM

Minutes from March 17, 2022 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

Ms. Howard reported that the Summer Reading program is going well and the turnout for the programs are so great that, due to reaching maximum capacity, unfortunately, we have had to turn people away at multiple branches. Critter Keeper has been our biggest program so far, with almost 500 people at the 6 pm showing in Easley on 6/13. We used the expansion space for the show with almost 500 people, but it will be too hot to use in the future due to no HVAC. We have the SC Aquarium coming up in July that we expect to have a large turnout for also. The Remote Locker project for Six Mile is approved and we are just waiting on an installation date for that project. We currently have 4 Story Walks completed. Ms. Howard has received quotes for the walking trail on the green space next to the Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library in Easley as an estimated \$160 thousand. There were discussions of different grants to research and try to apply for to help with the cost of the Walking Trail. It was also suggested to look at Eagle Scout troops and the Rotary for partnerships with the Walking Trail project. The board suggested that there be a presentation to the Council of quarterly reports instead of an annual report.

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PLANNING AND FINANCE –

Ms. Howard presented the end of year finance report for review.

FOUNDATION REPORT –

The foundation report was presented for review.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

There was a motion to create a budget procedure following the Budget activity chart outlined on pages 28-29 of the South Carolina State Library Reference Manual. The motion was seconded, and the Board voted unanimously on the motion.

DISCUSSION –

Councilman Henry Wilson attended the meeting and discussed the library expansion space and other issues. He made the board and director aware of some confusion over the proposed expansion space plan. The Director and the Expansion Space committee will work with LS3P to provide more clarity to the council and the public on the plan. Councilman Wilson also suggested that the Library Board ask for an amendment to the library budget, accounting for the full 5% COLA that was approved. The library board's approved budget only included a 3% increase at the Administration's recommendation during the budget process.

Discussion of a book on display was brought to Danny Parton's attention by a library patron. The board discussed the issue. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 21st, 2022, in Easley.

Minutes prepared by Stacey Roberson, Executive Assistant.