

Lancaster County Library Board Meeting

June 30, 2020

The Lancaster County Library Board held its regular meeting June 30, 2020, in the Lancaster Library in the Barnett Building. Chairwoman Deborah Cureton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Kim Blackmon, Margaret Bundy, Deborah Cureton, Lynne Carroll, Erick Crawford, Karen Faile, Phyllis Jarvis, and George Kirlin. Leo Francis was absent. Also present were Rita Vogel, Director; Nancy Berry, Deputy Director; Amanda Antonacci and Maggie Keeble, Children's Librarians; Cathy McDaniel, County Procurement Official; and Billy Mosteller, County Council member.

Dr. Cureton welcomed new Board member Karen Faile.

There were no public comments.

The minutes were read and unanimously approved after a spelling correction, with a motion by Mr. Crawford seconded by Ms. Bundy.

The meeting agenda was modified at this point to allow Ms. McDaniel to give an update on renovations. Due to issues that have arisen, new completion dates are December for Lancaster, September for Del Webb, and October for Kershaw if the sewer line can be moved in a timely manner. She also showed the Board a visual of the plaque to recognize Perception Builders' donation of the Creative Lab at the Lancaster Library.

Discussion arose concerning the easement issues in granting traffic access to the facility being built adjacent to Del Webb. Councilman Mosteller explained that he had made County Council aware of the problems which would be caused by this access and stated that County Council would be hearing the third reading of this issue on July 20th.

Librarian's Report:

Ms. Antonacci and Ms. Keeble informed the Board concerning programming for the summer. Approximately 350 patrons of all ages are participating in these virtual programs as well as picking up kits for activities. Each Board member received flyers detailing all facets of the programming.

Ms. Vogel said the County is at Phase 2 of its reopening. Kershaw and Lancaster are continuing to maintain the same hours.

She described preparations for book collections for reopenings. Funds from the Harper Fund will be used for this purpose as well as for hosting the reopenings.

The bookmobile cannot be repaired. Getting a new one would need to be a fundraising project.

Ms. Vogel will bring a proposal to the Board at a later date regarding whether to continue collecting overdue fines for children and, if so, monetary amounts to be collected.

She updated the Board on staffing. The staffs at Lancaster and Kershaw are working in the libraries while those at Del Webb have been working at the County building in Voter Registration. The staff participated in a cultural awareness webinar where the most valuable part was an informal discussion following it with community people involved.

A dress code is in the works for staff.

In general, reopening has gone well, and patron participation in checking out books has been good.

Financial Report:

The Harper Fund has approximately \$28,000 in it.

The Library is within its budget for the current fiscal year which ended today, June 30, 2020.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

A motion to keep the current slate of officers until June 2021 was made by Ms. Jarvis, seconded by Ms. Bundy, and unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be July 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Library in the Barnett Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Blackmon, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Jarvis