

Lancaster County Library Board Meeting  
March 27, 2018  
Caroliniana Room, Lancaster County Library

The regular meeting of the Lancaster County Library Board was held Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in the Caroliniana Room of the Lancaster County Library. Members present were James Boling, Deborah B. Cureton, Margaret Gamble, George Kirlin, Erick Crawford, and Thomas Monroe. Also present were Nancy Berry, Deputy Director and Branch Manager of the Dell Webb Library, and Rita Vogel, Lancaster County Library Director.

Two members of the public attended.

Call to Order: Chairman Thomas Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m. and invited public comments.

Public Comments: Mr. Richard Band, member of the J. Marion Sims Foundation Board and former Director of the Lancaster County Library, spoke in favor of maintaining the current location for the new or renovated library. He provided several reasons for his position including the point that all the property deeds are in the name of the Lancaster Library Board. Chairman Monroe thanked Mr. Band for his input and for the years of service and work that resulted in this opportunity for a new library. There were no other public comments.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 30, 2018, meeting were moved by Cureton, seconded by Gamble, and approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the February 27, 2018, special meeting were moved by Gamble, seconded by Boling and approved by unanimous vote.

Librarian's Report: Librarian Director Vogel noted the work of the new Children's Librarian, particular the increase in participation in the Kershaw Library and her idea to park the Bookmobile in the parking lot of Walmart or some 'like' location during National Library Week to entice greater patronage. That opportunity will be investigated for feasibility. Ms. Vogel reported attending SCLends training and visiting the St. Helena library. Kirlin asked whether the board training, scheduled for this meeting, will be rescheduled. A decision was reached to have the training at our May board meeting. Ms. Vogel also reported on the meeting with the I and R Committee of the County Council where she updated the members on the present status of the library project. Attending the meeting also were Phyllis Jarvis and Deborah B. Cureton. The board, invited to sit in on the architectural presentations on March 28, decided that it would be beneficial to have a special meeting on April 24, 2018, to assess our next moves in the building project process.

Financial Report: Regarding the budget, Ms. Vogel reported that we are in good shape with the remaining percentage of our budget (40%) exceeding the 34% ideal. She is investigating the cost of a microfiche reader and is considering ways to protect the Caroliniana room from inappropriate usage.

Committee Reports:

Evaluation Committee: Chairman Kirlin will send evaluation information to the board prior to our next meeting. Included in that information will be the goals set forth by Ms. Vogel for the coming year.

Building Committee: Chairman Kirlin reiterated that presentations by the architects will be in the County Building on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, and that board members are encouraged to attend. After the presentations, the county procurement director will discuss the next steps with the selection committee. We will be apprised of that information.

Old Business: Discussion of the Bookmobile continued and it was decided that, for numerous reasons, the traditional model of Bookmobile usage is not feasible at this time. Although Ms. Vogel will direct much of her time to the building project for the foreseeable future, the Bookmobile's usage will be researched at a later time.

New Business: Ms. Gamble reported meeting with Councilman Estridge and canvassing Kershaw for possible relocation sites for the Kershaw library. The town may be willing to donate the site of Kershaw's old library. The old bank would need an elevator, the cost of which might be prohibitive. Mr. Kirlin stated, however, that it might be possible to acquire the building at a surprisingly low price. He is in the process of researching property records.

Ms. Vogel brought to our attention a request to adjust operational hours for Del Webb and possibly Kershaw. The issue will be researched.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.