

Lancaster County Library Board Meeting

31 August 2021

Main Library-313 South White Street, Lancaster, SC

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m. by Board Chairwoman, Dr. Deborah Cureton

Members Present:

Dr. Deborah Cureton

George Kirlin

Lynne Carroll

Erick V. Crawford

Phyllis Jarvis

Debby Hegler

MaryEtta Taylor

Rita Vogel-Library Director

Nancy Berry- System Deputy Director

Maggie Keeble-Del Webb

Members Absent:

Leocadia Frances

Call to orde: by Dr. Cureton at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept by L. Carroll; 2nd by P. Jarvis

Agenda was adjusted to accommodate visitors from the Lancaster County council for the Arts- Debbie Jaillette and Fran Gardner presented a proposal to the Board for partnering with the Library in a series of workshops to be held in the Creative Lab at the Library. The Arts Council will be responsible for securing instructors, advertising sessions, registrations, and other aspects for holding the workshops. After hearing their presentation and reading the proposal that was included in the Board packet, P. Jarvis made a motion that we partner with the Arts council in this effort; motion was 2nd by E. Crawford; motion carried. G. Kirlin requested that the Board be kept up to date on the plans for the workshops.

Librarian's Report:

R. Vogel presented the Librarian's report:

- Stay Plus has used the main meeting room for two weeks in assisting those in community with issues related to rents, and so forth to enable them to remain in their homes during these trying times. Counselors will be back for two days in September and October to continue this assistance.

- DHEC will be putting one of their mobile units at the Indian Land and Kershaw library sites in order to provide members of the community with locations for receiving the Covid booster vaccinations.
- The “Read to Murphy” program will be held at the Main library.
- R. Vogel had received notice from S. Willis about use of meeting rooms being suspended at this time due to the rise of Covid cases in our area. N. Berry and R. Vogel outlined some services that were being considered in case a full closing of the libraries becomes necessary.

Financial Report:

- Was provided in the packet; there were no questions;
- G. Kirlin reminded us that he had requested a copy of the yearly report; R. Vogel reported that it had been provided in the packet from the meeting held in July.

Committee Reports:

- P. Jarvis had picked up the framed picture of Charlie Duke that was donated to the Library by Comporium; Tim Hallman had arranged for this donation. It will be displayed in the Library in an appropriate location.

Old Business:

- The Board reviewed the Meeting Room policies to determine how use after hours was to be handled. There was much discussion concerning the processes and guidelines for using the libraries’ meeting rooms after normal operating hours. Members were provided time to express why the rooms should be used as well as their concerns about this issue. Security was the main issue of concern by many of those present.
- Once all members and librarians had the opportunity to speak, G. Kirlin made a motion that a group of Board members meet with the librarians from all three locations, a list of needs and costs for correcting such would be developed that would alleviate the concerns for security involved in the usage after hours, the list would be presented to S. Willis (County Administrator), L. Carroll made the 2nd; motion carried. G. Kirlin will head this effort.

New Business:

- The Board was presented with Rita Vogel’s letter notifying us that she would be retiring as of October 23, 2021; she expressed her gratitude for the support she had been given and that she had truly enjoyed her time in this position. A copy of her letter will be filed with these minutes.

- Dr. Cureton addressed processes for seeking Rita's successor; the Board with investigate which method will be employed in this endeavor.

Miscellaneous: This issue was not discussed at this meeting, but it is left in the minutes as information for the Board.

- Board needs an annual meeting for new officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Board Chair- Dr. Cureton