



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, May 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Westminster Library, 112 W. North Ave, Westminster, SC 29693

Members present: Allison Griffin, vice-chair; Lisa Martin; Marie McMahan; Chanda Morrison; Katie Smith; Alisa Suddeth

Members absent: Beverley Brackett, chair; Kelly Holleman; Diane Smathers

Press: none

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director; Leah Price, Westminster Branch Manager

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by A. Griffin, presiding in place of B. Brackett
- II. Approval of minutes: meeting of Monday, March 25, 2019—motion made to approve by M. McMahan, seconded by K. Smith. Motion approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comment: Limit of (4) minutes per person, 30 minutes total—none.
- IV. Friends' Report: Book sales
 - March, 2019: Monthly sale, \$918.65.00;
 - April, 2019: Monthly sale, \$1,124.75; Saturday Sale: \$700.50
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance: none.
 - B. Policy/Personnel: none.
 - C. Building and Grounds: none.
 - D. Community Relations: none.
 - E. Capital Projects: none.
- VI. Chairman's Report: none. Vice-chair asked director to thank OCPL staff for their efforts in outreach and achieving goals of the strategic plan so far. The Board feels that these efforts are really being noticed.

VII. Director's Report: Director gave brief updates about the County and state budgets for fiscal year 2020. The Board was also given an update on the progress of several projects in involving library buildings, such as HVAC at the Salem Town Hall and a new roof for the Seneca Library.

VIII. Old Business

A. New staff parking lot in Walhalla: Director gave a brief update about the progress of the additional engineering work needed to fulfill SCDOT requirements, and also mentioned the support the library is receiving from the new County administrator. No action was required.

B. Summer Reading Plans: Director passed out flyers and also example of the reading logs that participants will use to keep track of their progress. Discussion ensued about the details of some of the upcoming programs.

IX. New Business

A. Request to eliminate fines on E and J children's materials: OCPL staff made a recommendation to eliminate certain fines on children's materials to allow parents to feel more comfortable letting their children take out more books without incurring bigger fines. The fines on most "E," or "easy" items, or "J," for "juvenile" items, would be eliminated. DVDs or electronic media like Launchpads and VOX books would not be included. There was some discussion of whether such a change would discourage patrons to return those items. The director mentioned having spoken to directors of other libraries in South Carolina about going fine-free, or eliminating certain classes of fines, and reported that their experience was that the elimination of fines didn't really change behavior. Motion made to approve by A. Suddeth, seconded by K. Smith. Board approved unanimously.

B. Request permission to close the Walhalla headquarters library at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29, instead of 9:00 p.m., so the Youth Services department may hold a Mini-Con for Summer Reading: motion made by C. Morrison, seconded by L. Martin. Board approved request unanimously.

X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn made by C. Morrison, seconded by K. Smith. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, staff liaison