



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, November 25, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Walhalla Library, 501 W. South Broad Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

Members present: Beverley Brackett, Allison Griffin, Lisa Martin, Sarai Melende , Chanda Morrison, Diane Smathers, Alisa Suddeth

Members absent: Kelly Holleman, Katie C. Smith

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director; Darcy Arnall, Youth Services Librarian

Press: Riley Morningstar, *Seneca Journal*

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Allison Griffin, vice chair, at 5:30 p.m. (chair arrived late due to work conflict)

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of September 23, 2019; motion made to approve by C. Morrison, seconded by L. Martin; minutes were approved without dissent.

III. Public Comment: Limit of (4) minutes per person, 30 minutes total: none.

IV. Friends' Report: no one from the Friends was present at the meeting. The Director presented the book sales figures for the previous two months—September sale, \$1,334.00; October sale, \$1,065.50; October Saturday sale, \$695.25

D. Smathers, formerly on the board of the Friends, extended an invitation for all Board members to join the Friends of the Library.

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: chair mentioned Library Legislative Day, which will be coming up on January 15, 2020. She encouraged Board members to accompany library staff to Columbia on that day if possible. She also mentioned being present at the local meeting of the legislative delegation in 2020.

VII. Director's Report: Director introduced new Youth Services Librarian to the Board (moved up in the agenda so Ms. Arnall could leave to conserve work time). There was also further discussion of the library's boycott of Macmillan Publishers. Director also mentioned to the Board about a new library resource, KnowledgeCity. Discussion ensued.

VIII. Old Business

A. Nettles Trust money: Director presented the Board with a rough preliminary list of possible items to fund. Priority will be given to projects which enhance the public's experience at the various branches, such as new service points, study rooms, and enhancements to the children's areas.

B. Report on Literacy Kits: Director reported to the Board that circulation has been extremely good on these new kits. So much so, in fact, that the Youth Services department and the Acquisitions Manager will be assembling additional kits for the most popular grade levels to increase the library's holdings. It was also noted the kits in Spanish/English and for adult literacy have been requested by users. The library will be working to build new kits for these as well.

IX. New Business

A. Introduction of new Youth Services Librarian: (earlier in meeting)

B. Approve holidays and Board meeting schedule for next year: members were given the Board meeting schedule and library's holiday schedule for the calendar year 2020 in the background information. A motion was made to accept by B. Brackett, and seconded by C. Morrison. Schedules were approved without dissent.

C. Election of officers: L. Martin asked to be released from secretary position. Nominations were opened. C. Morrison was nominated as secretary. B. Brackett was re-nominated as Chair; A. Griffin was re-nominated as vice-chair. With the nominations closed, officers were elected unanimously as above: B. Brackett, chair; A. Griffin, vice-chair; and C. Morrison, secretary.

D. Tour of Bookmobile: cancelled due to mechanical issue with generator.

X. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by D. Smathers, seconded by B. Brackett. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Reported by Blair Hinson, Library Director