



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Members present: Addison, Alles White, Brackett, Henderson, Holcombe, Kuemmerer, McKinney, Miranda, Powell

Press: none.

Staff: Blair Hinson, Staff Liaison

Guest: Martha Murtiashaw, State Library Board chair and Oconee resident

I. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of March 22, 2022: Motion to approve by Kuemmerer, second by Henderson. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total. If you would like to have a comment entered into the record and cannot attend, please email bhinson@oconeesc.com or call 864-364-5705.

Ms. Murtiashaw mentioned she wanted to see a “local board” in action, and expressed her appreciation to the local board and its policies.

IV. Friends’ Report:

March sales: \$3,599.28; April sales: \$3,624.58; online sales have been popular (\$690.00 in April, 2022); have started taking credit cards, which has improved sales as well; FOL provided funding for new microfilm reader for SC History Room

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance: none

B. Policy/Personnel: none

C. Building and Grounds: none

D. Community Relations: Kuemmerer reported work with Oconee Chamber of Commerce; also reported attending Senior Expo at the Shaver Complex; discussion of community resource guides

VI. Chairman’s Report: Summer Reading; highlighted IT issues with USB use on public Internet computers

VII. Director's Report: Director updated Board on staff changes; also gave an update on the continuation of lending Mi-Fi units through Kajeet

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion of grant with the Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare: updated Board that Community Resource Associate position had been hired, and the first regular meeting with the Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare had been held; also discussed meetings with Clemson Rural Health and Union County Library

B. Discuss strategic plan: Director sent to the Board the comments and updates that had been requested from staff members; discussion of those reports ensued; motion made to turn over to smaller committee under Policy and Personnel made by Henderson, seconded by Powell; motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion of building maintenance/parking issues: Director mentioned striping of Seneca Branch parking lot; also discussed staff parking on Westview Street for Walhalla Main Branch; also discussed landscaping and HVAC at various locations; discussion of park behind Seneca location ensued; also discussion of greenway in Walhalla

B. Discussion of State Aid proviso: discussion of amendment to SC Senate FY23 budget proviso

Executive Session

[upon reconvening the Board may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

None scheduled

X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Henderson, seconded by McKinney. Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.