

**ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2024 | ECC Makerspace**

Present: Chair Elaine Stoll, Sara Crocker, Nicole Davenport, Angela Dixon, Pinkey Rinnix, Frances Saville, Wendy Tucker

Staff Present: Annie Sutton, Library Director; Jane Cornelius, Head of Finance; Miranda White, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Cathy Champ, Friends President

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elaine Stoll called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pinkey Rinnix motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2023 as written. Nicole Davenport seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard as follows:

1. Caitlin Bellinger, District 4: Support for freedom to read & access, request for challenge database.
2. Dr. Ernest E. Mackins, District 5: Censorship, support for freedom to read, access to information.
3. Eleanor Walters, District 1: Thanks for keeping doors open to patrons during the colder months.

FRIENDS REPORT

The Friends are partnering with GAMAC for “Sonic Lunch,” a program featuring live music during the lunch hour. A funding request for the bookmark program will be voted on this Thursday at the Friends Board meeting. The process for requesting funds may change. The Friends are looking for a speaker for the Annual Meeting in April.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December Financial Report: Head of Finance, Jane Cornelius, presented the financial report for month ending December 31, 2023. The Library is on track with the current budget.

Capital Projects Update: Carpet installation at the Anderson (Main) location starts next week and will last 8-10 weeks. The Library will stay open during this time. Director Sutton informed County Council members John Wright (District 1) and Glenn Davis (District 2) that the project has started.

The Honea Path Branch renovation will begin soon and should be finished before the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, February 12 at 4:00 pm to discuss the Budget Request for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Facilities Update: The future Iva location requires an asbestos analysis before the project can be put out for bid. The Anderson (Main) location has been experiencing HVAC issues, causing expensive repairs.

Marketing/Programming Update: In December the Library launched “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten,” a literacy initiative to encourage young children to read before they start school. The program has been popular so far, with 1,300 books logged in the past month.

Director Sutton and the Library’s Marketing department are working on an end-of-year review to distribute to the Board, County, County Council, local Legislators, and the public.

Director Sutton invited Board members to attend Library Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 14. This is a day to meet and talk with local Legislators in Columbia about State Aid.

The 2024 Community Read starts in March. The Library will host book discussions and programs centered around the book, “(Don’t) Call Me Crazy” by Kelly Jensen, a collection of nonfiction essays focusing on mental health. The Rotary Club of Anderson is partnering with the Library to provide copies of the book to the public.

Director Sutton reminded Board Members that the Library follows County guidelines for weather closures, and will close if County offices shut down for inclement weather.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bylaw Review: No changes made.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT -

Chair Stoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Sara Crocker so moved and Nicole Davenport seconded. All were in favor. Chair Stoll declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Saville,
Secretary/Treasurer