

**ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024 | 5:30 pm | ECC Makerspace**

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

**Absent:** Pinkey Rinnix

**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 5:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sara Crocker motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2024 as written. Angela Dixon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was heard as follows:

1. Mary Kay, District 1 – thanks for what Library offers for children/families; Community Read
2. Cassie Hamilton, District 1 – support for not moving Reconsideration Request book
3. Barbara DuCharme, District 1 – against censorship; support for diverse collection
4. Jessicka Spearman, District 6 – support for diverse collection; against censorship
5. Talin Keyfer, District 2 – support for diverse collection; against moving books
6. Kevin Hardy, District 4 – support for moving Reconsideration Request book

**FRIENDS REPORT**

The Friends Annual Meeting is on April 14 from 3-5pm at the Main Library, featuring local author George Singleton as guest speaker. The meeting is free and open to the public. Sonic Lunch is a free program in partnership with GAMAC at the Main Library. This month's concert features an Irish theme in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Matty's Pattys food truck will be in the parking lot from 11 am-12:45 pm. The Friends sponsored multiple programs in 2023.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

February Financial Report: Head of Finance, Jane Cornelius, presented the financial report for month ending February 29, 2024. The Library is on track with the current budget.

Capital Projects Update: The Main Library's carpet project is ongoing. The 2nd floor is complete, and installation has moved to the main floor.

Quotes are being gathered for the Honea Path Branch renovation. The completion goal for the project is June 1<sup>st</sup>, before the start of Summer Reading.

Director Sutton has approved a replacement for the front door at the Pendleton Branch Library.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

24-25 Budget Request: The Finance Committee met on Monday, February 12 to discuss the Budget Request for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Frances Saville, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Budget Request for approval. Director Sutton and Jane Cornelius went over the budget explanations and any significant changes from the previous year. After discussion, Frances Saville motioned to accept the FY24-25 Budget. Wendy Tucker seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Reconsideration Request: Director Sutton presented the details of patron Philip Morse's Request for Reconsideration to the Board for Juvenile fiction book "*Melissa [formerly published as George]*" by Alex Gino. Board members were given a copy of the book and all related documents before the meeting. Board members had the option to move the book to another section in the Library, keep the book in its original location in Juvenile Fiction, or remove the title from the collection. Chair Stoll asked for a motion to start discussion.

Angie Dixon motioned to move the title to the Family Resources section, and Wendy Tucker seconded. After discussion, Board members voted by show of hands. The motion failed with Angela Dixon, Sara Crocker, and Wendy Tucker voting in favor, and Nicole Davenport, Frances Saville, and Elaine Stoll voting against.

Chair Stoll asked if there was another motion. Angela Dixon moved to postpone the vote to the May meeting. There was no second and the motion failed.

Chair Stoll asked if there was another motion. Sara Crocker motioned to move the title to the Teen section, and Wendy Tucker seconded. The motion failed with Sara Crocker and Wendy Tucker voting in favor, and Nicole Davenport, Angela Dixon, Frances Saville, Elaine Stoll voting against.

Chair Stoll asked if there was another motion. Nicole Davenport motioned to keep the title in the Juvenile Fiction section, and Frances Saville seconded. The motion failed with Nicole Davenport, Frances Saville, Elaine Stoll voting in favor, and Sara Crocker, Angela Dixon, Wendy Tucker voting against.

Chair Stoll asked if members wanted to postpone the vote until all members were present. Angela Dixon restated her previous motion to postpone the Reconsideration vote to the May meeting and Sara Crocker seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Facilities Update: The RFP for the Iva Branch project has been posted. Bids are due by April 5, 2024.

Marketing/Programming Update: The March Community Read book, "(Don't) Call Me Crazy" has been well received, with almost 400 copies given out. Director Sutton highlighted upcoming local events that the Library is participating in, including the International Network of Michelin Cities Conference on April 15-19, and the Anderson Soiree on April 26-27. Board members received copies of the first annual Community Report for the Library. The report will be made available to the public, County Council, and State Representatives.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

National Librarian Day, April 16: - Board members Sara Crocker and Elaine Stoll presented Director Sutton with a gift in celebration of National Librarian Day in April.

Chair Stoll announced that County Council has passed an amended ordinance to add 2 At-Large members to Library Board. Applications can be downloaded on County Council's website.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

Chair Stoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Wendy Tucker so moved, and Sara Crocker seconded. All were in favor. Chair Stoll declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Saville,  
Secretary/Treasurer