

**ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 13, 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

Sara Crocker motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2024, as written. Nicole Davenport seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Libba Kellner, Dist 1 – Keep Reconsideration title in original section; parental oversight
2. Suzanne Morse, Dist 4 – Against censorship; support for diverse collection
3. Jessicka Spearman, Dist 6 – Against censorship; support for diverse collection
4. Natalia Childs, Dist 6 – Support for diverse collection, support for Reconsideration title
5. Kevin Hardy, Dist 4 – Move Reconsideration title to Family Resources section
6. Cynthia Baker, Dist 1 – Thanks to Board and Library; support for diverse collection
7. Will Cord, Dist 1 – Reconsid. vote is a moral decision; only parents should have access to these books
8. Susan Melvin, Dist 5 – Keep Reconsideration title in original section
9. Eleanor Walters, Dist 1 – Honea Path refresh; Soiree presence; keep Reconsideration book as is
10. Michael Jones, Dist 1 – Move Reconsideration title out of Juvenile section

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Friends Board Chair, Cathy Champ, reported on the Friends Annual Meeting in April, progress on the Friends website, and the addition of two new Board members. The Friends have committed to funding \$16,000 for multiple Library programs and projects in 24/25, including 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, 2025 Summer Reading, young adult author visits, and special programs and projects like Sonic Lunch and Story Walks. Chair Stoll encouraged everyone to become a Friend of the Library.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director Sutton reiterated patron Philip Morse’s request to move Juvenile fiction book “Melissa [formerly published as George]” by Alex Gino to the Adult section of the Library. Chair Stoll asked for a motion to begin discussion.

Sara Crocker made a motion to move the book to the Family Resources section. Wendy Tucker seconded. After discussion, Board Members voted by show of hands.

The motion passed with Sara Crocker, Wendy Tucker, Angela Dixon, Pinkey Rinnix voting in favor, and Nicole Davenport, Frances Saville, Elaine Stoll voting against.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April Financial Report: Director Sutton presented the financial report for month ending April 30, 2024. The Library is on track heading toward the end of the fiscal year on June 30. The remainder of the County revenue owed for this fiscal year has been received. Most of the remaining Community Relations/Programming funds will be spent on programming and performers for Summer Reading.

Capital projects Update: The carpet project at the Anderson (Main) branch was completed today, and the Honea Path Branch project is finishing up. Work has begun on Main's re-wiring project for next year. Most of the money for the re-wiring is coming out of E-Rate funds and must be spent by 2025. E-rate funds will be replenished in 2026. The Main Library will undergo a roof repair at the end of the year to fix a leak over the Electric City Creative [ECC] Makerspace.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Stoll asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to hear a report from the Personnel Committee. Sara Crocker so moved and Nicole Davenport seconded. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:25 pm. At 6:33 pm, Frances Saville motioned to exit Executive Session and Angela Dixon seconded.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Committee Chair Nicole Davenport presented the Committee's recommendation to increase the Library Director's salary in alignment with the standard cost of living increase for all County employees, effective July 1, 2024. Angela Dixon motioned to approve the report and recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Pinkey Rinnix seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Facilities Update: The estimated cost for Main's roof repair is \$39,000. The Pendleton door installation is close to completion.

Marketing/Programming Update: A group from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) visited last week. The Library receives grants from IMLS, including the Powdersville lockers. The State Library is planning to come back and bring their library development team.

The Soiree provided some great community engagement with an estimated 1,800 interactions and lots of positive feedback.

Circulation and Attendance Stats are on the rise. Digital checkouts have increased 24% in the last fiscal year. More money will be spent in this area next year.

Summer Reading ("Summer Adventure") is coming up and will include a reading and activity component for participants to be more engaged with the program. A lot of publicity has already gone out to area schools. All ages can participate in Summer Reading.

Director Sutton was asked to be on the Clubhouse Steering Committee for the United Way. Clubhouse is a place for people with severe mental illness to go and find purpose, acceptance, and belonging. This is an outreach opportunity for the Library and the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Stoll mentioned the suggested updates to the Bylaws. Board Members will vote to approve the changes at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Sara Crocker so moved and Nicole Davenport seconded. Chair Stoll declared the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Saville
Board Secretary

Approved July 8, 2024