

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 23, 2010
PLACE: Graham Public Library
MEMBERS PRESENT: Carlene Morton, Carrie Thompson, Kitty Hupman, Shirley Beyer, Jo Grimley, Mike Cross, Mary Dingeldein
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: George Byrd, Lennie Stout
ALSO PRESENT: Martha Sink, M.J. Goodrum, Howard Tash

CALL TO ORDER

Following lunch, Chair Carlene Morton called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

A decision was made to hear from guest Howard Tash before continuing with the agenda.

Mr. Tash described an incident that took place outside May Memorial Library in December 2009, in which he was assaulted after leaving the library. He presented his suggested recommendations for changes to the current behavior and computer use policies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Cross moved and Kitty Hupman seconded approval of the minutes of the November 17 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

1. Martha Sink introduced the new library director, M.J. Goodrum, who will begin work on March 8, 2010.
2. The Long Range Plan for 2010-2014 was presented. Martha reviewed changes and revisions from the previous plan. Mary Dingledein moved and Mike Cross seconded approval of the new plan. The vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of library behavior policy. After hearing from library user Howard Tash, the committee reviewed the library behavior policy and the library computer use policy. Included in the discussion was feedback from the library staff concerning the behavioral issues that Mr. Tash

raised. Library staff members have already addressed the issue of having the security officers patrol all areas of the building while on duty. Funding to increase the hours of security officers at May Memorial has been requested for the upcoming budget year. Library staff continues to work with the City of Burlington to address issues of smoking and congregating outside the library doors. The Library Committee recommends that the library behavior policy be displayed in each library location, if it is not already, that a copy of the behavior policy be given to new library users when they apply for a library card, and that the behavior policy be added to the computer use policy for acceptance by library users when they log on to a computer. Carlene Morton and MJ Goodrum will compose a letter to Mr. Tash informing him of these changes after the next Library Committee meeting.

2. **Addition to the Computer Use Policy.** The committee discussed the proposed addition of paragraph 10 to the library computer use policy. After discussion, it was determined that the committee needed more information before making a final decision on this matter. Since MJ will be attending the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association meeting in mid- March, it was suggested that she get feedback from other public library directors on this matter.
3. **Elon Library update.** Jo Grimley and Shirley Beyer reported that they are still attending meeting, but there has been no progress. The Town has approached the Friends of the Library to do fundraising. There was discussion about the Friends role. M.J. reported what Chapel Hill had done and there was discussion of the possibility of a Foundation being formed. Jo and Shirley will continue to meet as needed.
4. **Alamance Reads update.** The selection process continues. Ten people read many books and narrowed the choices to 10 titles. A larger group of 38 members will read the 10 books, with the selection to be made on April 1. The title will be announced later.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Due to the need to address specific policy concerns an additional meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at May Memorial Library at 12 noon.

The date for the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Mebane Public Library at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Director and Secretary