

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 16, 2010
Mebane Library
MINUTES

Present: Carlene Morton, Shirley Beyer, Kitty Hupman, Carrie Thompson, Lennie Stout, M.J. Goodrum
Absent: Mike Cross, George Byrd, Jr., Mary Dingeldein, and Tim Sutton, Jo Grimley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because there wasn't a quorum to approve the minutes, they were accepted as revised pending approval at the next scheduled meeting.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

1. Staff Development Day:

On Friday, September 24, 2010 we held our annual Staff Development Day. The day got started with an ice breaker and was followed by a presentation by Carlene. Carlene read her latest children's book Library Pages and then talked about a fun way of relieving stress by creating altered books. Raye Oldham, from the State Library, did a presentation on WebJunction, an online resource available to library staff throughout North Carolina. WebJunction includes a clearing house for policies and discussion relating to library topics as well as online courses to fulfill a variety of library competencies. During lunch, staff had an opportunity to 'shop' for new library shirts and place orders. After lunch, we had a presentation on a product called Overdrive, a company that offers downloadable eAudio, eBooks, eMusic and eVideos. This was followed by the grand debut of the Alamance County Public Libraries Book Cart Drill Team! The Book Cart Drill Team will be appearing in our local Christmas parades. The day ended with me talking about my leadership style and my vision for our libraries. A survey indicated that, for the most part, the day was successful. The weakest part was the presentation from Overdrive because the presenter focused more on searching the site rather than on describing the various formats offered.

2. MLS students:

We have been contacted by students doing graduate work to earn their MLS from UNC-G and from UNC-CH. Staff is very interested in pursuing the possibility graduate students in this field doing their field placement internships with us. Use of students through internships in the library field will give us an opportunity to take on some extra projects as well as stretch our staffing without having to increase our budget. Students from UNC-G are working with May Memorial to do a needs assessment of patron and staff satisfaction. A student from UNC-Chapel Hill is going to be working with Julie Walker and Mebane to plan children's programs and help staff our service desks.

3. Leo the Lion:

Leo made an appearance at the annual downtown Halloween celebration. He has also been entered to ride in a convertible in the Burlington and Graham Christmas parades. We will be implementing a Leo the Lion trading card program with children in our communities. Our hope is to make Leo more visible and more recognizable as a mascot of the library. We'd really like to put him out there as often as possible in a variety of ways.

4. **Friends of the Library Book Sale:**

The Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale was very successful, raising a little over \$30,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Banning of registered sex offenders

MJ had talked to a Library Director from Urbandale, Iowa about banning sex offenders from the library and had a copy of their policy. Carlene wondered if there was someone from the State Library that was available to offer us guidance. Discussion included finding out what other libraries in the state do about this. Since there wasn't a quorum, MJ will call a special meeting for January. She will try to schedule this around Mike Cross's schedule since his input is valued so highly. In the meantime, she will continue to get information from other North Carolina Public libraries about how they handle sex offenders.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gardner Trust monies

The payout from Gardner Trust this year is \$30,358.63. Alamance County Libraries would like to pursue the purchase of a self-checkout for May Memorial Library and Graham Public Library. In addition, the purchase of several different eReaders (such as the Kindle, the Nook and the Sony Reader) was recommended. Staff are getting many questions about eReaders and the Libraries are interested in exploring the possibility of checking out pre-loaded eReaders to patrons. To keep up with what's out there in terms of technology staff is interested in the purchase of some iPads that would be used to offer more "on-the-go" reference help to patrons as staff moves out from behind reference desks. Since there wasn't a quorum, the Board members present gave MJ the go ahead to start putting together costs and more definite propositions to have ready for approval at the next meeting but felt that this was moving in the right direction.

2. Fines and Fees schedule revisions

Several changes have been made to the Fines and Fees schedule that need the Board's approval. MJ went over these with members that were present and everyone approved the changes. She will send the information out to those members that weren't present to ask for their approval. Once that is done, she will present the changes to the County Commissioners.

3. Western Alamance Branch suggestion for temporary location

MJ received an e-mail from someone suggesting a possible branch located in Holly Hill Mall. If the Board thinks this is worth pursuing as a temporary location while we wait for the Western Alamance Branch to move forward, MJ will contact the owners of the mall and set up a meeting to discuss the possibility. Those present indicated they would be in favor of looking into this. Lennie reminded us that the County Commissioners had already approved staffing for the Western Branch.

4. Election of officers

Election of officers had to be postponed until the next meeting since there was no quorum. Current officers agreed to stay on until then.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Because we have been unable to have a quorum at the last two meetings, there was some discussion about the best time to meet. It was decided that the third Tuesdays at noon was still the optimal time, but to have all the meetings at May Memorial. Once a year, a meeting will be held at another branch. Members were interested in having the August, 2011 meeting at South Annex. Dates were set for our regular meetings for the rest of next year. Future meetings will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Tuesday, August 16, 2011 and Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Members are asked to please mark these dates on their calendars. As mentioned above, MJ will call a special meeting in January to discuss some issues that need to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT