

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
Minutes

Regular Meeting
Graham Public Library

Tuesday February 21, 2011
12 Noon

Present: Mike Cross, Jo Grimley, Kitty Hupman, Carlene Morton, Lennie Stout, Tim Sutton, M.J. Wilkerson. Visitors were Ben Ansbaucher and Rick Wilkerson

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mike Cross at 12:00 noon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ben Ansbaucher voiced his concern that our mission statement doesn't address whom we serve and wanted to know if there were any restrictions of service based on immigration status. He wanted to draw our attention to a segment of the population that can't get library cards based on the current list of acceptable identification, and suggested that we find ways to serve this group, particularly the children. M.J. explained about the LJC (Limited Juvenile Card) for juveniles that are unable to have parents sign for them for any reason (parent is blocked or doesn't have the required information needed for a card, etc.). Mr. Ansbaucher asked that we consider changes to our policy for getting a library card.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carlene Morton moved, and Jo Grimley seconded that the minutes from the November meeting be approved. The Board approved them without any corrections.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

At their regular meeting in December, the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Elon voted to dissolve the Library Building Committee. The letter from the Town Manager indicated that the Committee would be reformed when economic conditions improve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Self-checkout units were installed at the Graham Public Library and at the May Memorial Library. There will be a grand opening of the units during the first week in March. Patrons can use them now, but there are some glitches to iron out.

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries are a 501c3 non-profit and as such the Director of Alamance County Public Libraries has no legal authority over them. However, after discussions with Sally Gardner, the Executive Director of ALTAFF (Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations), it would be within our purview to require them to stop using our name. Mike agreed to act

as a liaison between the Friends Board and the Library Board. It was decided that we would postpone writing a letter of concern to the Friends at this point.

M.J. shared the information that the Friends had decided to apply for a Big Reads grant for the Alamance Reads this year. They should hear whether or not they were awarded a grant sometime in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed Matricula Consular Id cards. Everyone felt that there is not enough irrefutable evidence as to their validity to use them as proof of ID when getting a library card. However, Board members would like the Library to consider making the public computers accessible to anyone that comes to the library. M.J. agreed to discuss this with staff and their recommendation to the next Library Board meeting, as well as more background on why the LJC type card was implemented.

FY 2012-2013 Budget proposal is due this week. Each County Department was requested to turn in a flat budget based on figures after the 5% cut was implemented this fiscal year. We should meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement necessary to be awarded the full allotment of State Aid this year.

Little Libraries: M.J. is working with Bryan Hagood, Director of Alamance County Recreation and Parks to put Little Libraries in Cedar Rock Park and Pleasant Grove. She will be in touch with Recreation staff from local municipalities to see if they are interested in placing some in their parks as well.

Carolyn Allen has turned in her application to serve as the Graham representative to the Library Board. Ms. Allen was employed with the Libraries until her retirement. There was some concern that it may be too soon after her association with the library, so M.J. is to check on the date that she retired.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 15, 2012

November 13, 2012

August 21, 2012

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.