

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
May Memorial Public Library

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
6:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Jo Grimley, Bob Byrd, George Byrd, Jr., Shirley Beyer, Carolyn Allen, Amy High, MJ Wilkerson

Guests: No guests

Staff Present: Michelle Mills, Terri Lamm, Susana Goldman

Absent: Mike Cross, Mary Dingeldein

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Jo Grimley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May and August were presented for approval, since there was no quorum at the last meeting. May minutes were approved and seconded. August minutes were approved and seconded.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

- MJ introduced Amy High as the new board member representing Mebane. She fills the spot Kitty Hupman vacated due to poor health. Kitty is doing well, but feels like she cannot continue to serve. MJ explained that the library board is made up of 2 representatives from Burlington (George and Mike), 2 from Graham Carolyn and one open seat), 2 from Mebane (Amy and one open seat), one from Elon (Jo) and 2 At-large (Mary and Shirley).
- She gave everyone an article regarding building a better board of trustees – the importance of the library board members. MJ plans to have a different speaker for each meeting next year. In February, Molly Westmoreland, from the State Library will discuss how the board can advocate for the library. Michelle said we will also be educating the public as to what we do throughout the community with our electronic boards, social media and anything else we can think of. MJ introduced, then gave everyone, the 3 key words we are focusing on for the foreseeable future: Access, Literacy and Enrichment. She explained what each means, with regards to the library. MJ stressed that we, as the library, want to be more than just entertainment.
- She then introduced the new Mission Statement and logo. The Mission Statement says, “Alamance County Public Libraries provide opportunities for all members of our community to be successful in living a larger life by nurturing the heart and the mind.” We feel that this covers Access, Literacy and Enrichment. This leads

into a new way of doing our programming. If it's a craft, then something will be learned from it. Michelle said we are focusing on being more intentional in measuring our outcomes. That way, we will have actual information on each program so if we need to present anything to the Library Board or the County Commissioners, we will have real data, not just door count. After some discussion, it was decided to add the word "learning" to the Mission Statement so that it reads, "Alamance County Public Libraries provide learning opportunities for all members of our community to be successful in living a larger life by nurturing the heart and the mind." MJ then introduced our logo and explained the various icons on it.

- Our Request for Proposal has been turned in for RFID. The money from Gardner Trust will be used for this improvement. We will also use the donation from Charles Dixon.
- Once RFID is on its way, we will then begin to look at our processes. That will move into looking at all of our policies. This will be done over the course of the next year.
- Our Zoom pass program has won the NCPLDA service award for medium-size libraries. Michelle said we are the first library in North Carolina to adopt this program.
- \$33,316 was the payout for Gardner Trust. \$4,276 was for the William Henry May Trust. With the Board's blessing, this money will be put into donations until we see how much RFID will cost. MJ asked permission to use the William Henry May Trust money for finishing the decking in the courtyard. Home Depot will provide the labor and tools. We pay for supplies.
- Bob asked if 4H is involved with us. Michelle said they do programs for us already.
- MJ wants to talk to Susan Osborne at DSS to see if we can partner with them in paying for a full-time person to do story times both at DSS and at the libraries.
- Michelle said we provide books weeded from our collection to DSS, Health Department, WIC, Allied Churches and the Dental Clinic. One of our staff goes to the Dental Clinic once a month to do story time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

FUTURE MEETING DATES

February 16, 2016 (May Memorial) 12:30pm
May 17, 2016 (May Memorial) 12:30pm
August 23, 2016 (May Memorial) 12:30pm
November 15, 2016 (May Memorial) 6:30pm for a meal and meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm