

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
May Memorial Public Library

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
1:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Amy High, Mary Dingeldein, Carolyn Allen, Bob Byrd, Jo Grimley, Shirley Beyer, Hiroko Solari, MJ Wilkerson

Guests: Bill Skeels, Cathy Wright

Staff Present: Michelle Mills, Wendy Burgess, Tamia Taylor, Terri Lamm

Absent: Mike Cross, George Byrd

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by Jo Grimley.

RECOGNITION OF BILL SKEELS:

MJ introduced Bill Skeels, who has been a volunteer for ACPL since 1989. Cathy Wright said a few words about Mr. Skeels and his contribution to the ACPL library system. He was then presented a plaque for his service. Wendy Burgess gave him a gift from ACPL and showed him the 2 books that have been put into the library system in his honor.

MJ asked that the Board members have a group picture taken. There are 2 new members; Amy High and Hiroko Solari.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February meeting were presented for approval. Minutes were approved and seconded.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

- MJ told the Board that there is a film crew in the library today that are filming Tammy Stewart as she does a commercial about ABC Mouse. Tammy was chosen out of 500 candidates to do this commercial.
- She updated the Board on the progress of the RFID project. Tagging will, hopefully, begin in September. Michelle invited the Board to help tag in September.
- We have hired a new manager for the Children's Staff at May Memorial. His name is Antuan Hawkins. He comes from Kinston. Antuan has a background in theater.
- MJ also made sure that the Board met Deana Cunningham. Deana came into the meeting before it started and introduced herself to the individual board members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- Review Library budget requests – MJ submitted the library budget 2 weeks ago. The emphasis this year is on funding the schools, pay re-class study and a cost of living adjustment for staff. Because of the cuts MJ has had to make to the budget for next fiscal year, materials, which are considered capital, have to be cut by \$24,000. MJ went through the budget thoroughly, explaining what she asked for and why. Staff meetings are being set up to inform staff that they can't ask for anything other than the necessary items used for daily library operations. Bob Byrd then explained the process the County Commissioners go through when considering the proposed budgets. He also explained the Fund balance and why the County has the amount they have in it.
- Discuss Bookmobile services – MJ explained that more and more of our services involve working out in the community. MJ, Michelle and the Friends have been talking about putting together a County-wide fundraiser to begin a campaign to raise money for a book mobile. South Annex is not on the plan for the County to remodel. When that closes, a book mobile will help fill that need. The fund raiser will be a 4-pronged approach: business, community, grant and Friends. Jo called for a motion that the Board give the go-ahead to pursue getting a book mobile. Carolyn made the motion and Shirley seconded. Michelle added that the library would like the Board to not only give their full support in moving forward, but to actually be a part of the fund raising strategy. Any board member that is interested should see MJ.
- Discuss One Access partnership with ABSS – Charlotte-Mecklenburg was the first in the state to do this. They partnered with their school system to provide library access to every student enrolled in the school system. A patron account is made for each child by using their student id. The cards are limited to 10 items and no overdue fines charged. MJ we would like to have access to students' reading scores to see if our summer reading programs are having an impact, as we think they are, on reading skills. Michelle presented the increase in material checkouts for Charlotte-Mecklenburg since they instituted One Access. Jo called for a motion that the Library Board supports the One Access partnership with ABSS. Mary made a motion and Shirley seconded.
- Review changes to public computer/internet policy – This policy was originally 2 pages. The old policy was written in 2007. MJ read over the revised policy. Mary called for a motion to accept this revised policy and made the motion. Jo seconded the motion.
- Upcoming meeting date: MJ asked if it was ok to move the meeting time to 1:00pm instead of 12:30pm from now on. Everyone agreed to the new time.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

August 23, 2016 (May Memorial) 1:00pm

November 15, 2016 (May Memorial) 6:30pm for a meal and meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm