

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Meeting
May Memorial Public Library

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
2:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Courtney Doi, Emily Conner, Hiroko Solari, Dodie Boone, Christine Quigley, MJ Wilkerson, Bob Byrd

Staff Present: Jason Rogers, Terri Lamm

Absent: Robin Moser

Guest Present: no guests present

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Courtney Doi.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Each member was given the minutes from February 2018 meeting. Dodie made a motion to approve the February minutes with one correction. Emily seconded. February minutes were approved.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

- ACPL is gearing up for Summer Reading Program. The theme is, "Libraries Rock." The kick-off is June 16 and will be held at The Depot even though Summer Reading actually starts June 10. Mystery Night is part of SRP and is scheduled for July 27 and 28. It is a free event, but tickets, available around July 1, are required. Tickets go fast. Alamance Reads is coming up. The book is *Station Eleven*. The theme of the book will allow us to pull in the Health Department as partners. It also talks about music and drama. The kick-off is also June 16.
- We are still in the budget process. The County Manager's priorities are employee health care and figuring out a way to possibly accommodate raises for staff. The bond issues have been approved to be voted on. There are 2 bonds: one for ACC and one for ABSS. MJ discussed how much she was asked to cut from the budget and where those cuts would possibly be made.
- MJ recognized Courtney, who just won the Higher Education Teacher of the Year at ACC. Dodie Boone's husband won his primary, as did Bob Byrd. MJ also let everyone know that Turrentine Middle School won the State Championship for Battle of the Books. She talked about how Battle of the Books actually works. The program measures reading comprehension. Bob suggested that Turrentine come to the County Commissioners' meeting. MJ said she will speak to Sara Sink, Media Coordinator at Turrentine and see if she can make that happen. Christine suggested that MJ get with AO. They won the regional for elementary. Christine Bentley is their media coordinator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Update on Mobile Library (Bookmobile). We should hear from the project grant at the end of this month. The official announcement will be June 7. We should be about \$30,000 away from being able to fully purchase the mobile library. Jason and Susana have worked to put together folders for us to be able to use when we go talk to businesses about the importance of the book mobile. The folders will be used when we are seeking donations from these businesses. MJ went over what documents are in the folder. Jason has identified a list of businesses. He asked the Board if they would look at the potential sponsors list and see if they knew anyone personally at these businesses so he can contact them. Jason also asked

if there were other businesses, not already mentioned, where a board member could supply a contact name or make an introduction for him. Jason has worked with Admin to identify potential stops for the bookmobile, as well as where it will be parked when not in use. So far, 6 of the 8 stops identified have been secured. The mobile library will be on a 2-week rotation, so that Monday through Thursday in the afternoons it will go north one week and it will go south the next week. Mornings will be used going to larger institutions, like Twin Lakes or Blakey Hall. On weekends it will go to events and festivals. The sites that have been confirmed are Fairview UMC, Beth Schmidt Park, Scott Community Health Center, Pleasant Grove Community Center, Eli Whitney Community Center and Cedar Rock Park. The other 2 Jason is trying to secure will be in Snow Camp and Kimesville. There was some discussion about other locations. Bob asked about the future of South Annex. MJ and Jason explained that it has a “D” listing on the facilities plan, which means that there will be no renovations made to the building. MJ stressed that the mobile library was never intended to replace South Annex. It is only to supplement service there. ACPL still needs to find a permanent physical location for a southern branch. Bob asked why there needs to be a physical location in the southern end if there isn’t a physical location in the northern end of the county. Statistics show that South Annex does more business while it is open than North Park. She feels there would be enough demand to support more than one afternoon per week, if we could afford the staff. Jason said a permanent location would be able to provide full services and the mobile library will provide truncated services. Both the mobile library and mobile café will be equipped with Wi-Fi antennas. The Mobile Library will not have snacks and drinks, like the mobile café. The books on the mobile café will be like a little free library, free and lended on an honor system rather than being checked out. Verizon has said that if we drop Wi-Fi signal anywhere in the county, they want to know so they can boost that for us. We will be tracking where this happens and where we have strong signals. Jason said we are using the same technology, just a lower security version of it, as the mobile command units that are on EMS and Sheriff’s Department.

- Update on Mobile Café (Pop-Up Internet Café). Hot-spots have been fitted onto the van. The wrap was just finished today. We are hoping to hire someone to drive the mobile café mid-July, if that position is approved in the upcoming fiscal year’s budget. The Mobile Café will be at the SRP kick-off, as well as other events throughout the summer.

NEW

- MJ sought Board approval to spend money Gardner Trust funds on a new security gate and an additional self-check station. North Park Library has been renovated as part the larger renovations at Mayco-Bigelow Community Center. They have created, for the library, our own separate entrance. Since the library will have a separate entrance, we need a security gate to make sure all items being removed from the library have been properly checked out. The self-check machine will be put into the Children’s area at May Memorial to help parents out. The money from this trust is designated to be spent on one-time technology. The quote from Bibliotheca is \$21,622.50. Christine made a motion to approve. Dodie seconded. It was approved. Bob asked if this needs to come before the County Commissioners. MJ said it doesn’t need to be voted on by the Commissioners. But, she will bring it to their attention at their June meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

August 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm

November 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm