

## ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

**Meeting**  
**May Memorial Public Library**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**  
**6:30 pm**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Courtney Doi, Emily Conner, Dodie Boone, Logan Savits, Arnetta Girardieu

**Staff Present:** Jason Rogers, Susana Goldman, Terri Lamm

**Staff Representing County:** None

**Absent:** Bob Byrd, Hiroko Solari, Christine Quigley, Robin Moser

**Guest Present:** no guests present

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Courtney Doi.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no public comment.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved.

### **REPORT: Jason Rogers**

- Jason thanked everyone for the tea and lemonade served at MJ's retirement. He said there were around 175 to 200 people at the event. It was at Impact Alamance's new location. MJ's official last day is November 30.
- Wendy Burgess, our Outreach Coordinator, is retiring on November 30, as well. Jason and Susana completed the interviews today. They are hoping to have someone in place around the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.
- The candidates for Director's position were given 6 questions this past week to fill out for pre-selection. They are reviewing the candidates' answers. The dates will be then selected for in-person interviews soon. These interviews will be comprised of a number of different groups of people. Jason said if anyone of the Board is asked to be a part of the interview panel, please say yes. The Library and County Government want the Library Board to be a part of this process. The goal is to have the new director in place somewhere between December 1 and January 1.
- Most of the book mobile process has been put on hold because we don't have a director in place. The County Manager wanted to insure that the new director has a voice in the process. This also means we are slowing down the process of hiring the book mobile driver. We are hoping this process is ONLY slowed. We would like to have someone hired by late December or early January for the book mobile driver position. The person for this position must have driver training classes, as well as, potentially have a Class A CDL. They also have to be trained to be a library employee and to do programming.
- Mobile Café is going well. It began towards the end of August. The first 6 weeks were very slow. These parts of the County were not used to having a library service in place. Things are beginning to pick up with more people coming. Once the book mobile gets into place, these same sites will be used for that.
- There is a new employee at May Memorial. An employee retired in July that, for many years, who put all the information into the catalog. This was a non-degreed position. The position has now been upgraded to a professional librarian position. For the first time, ACPL has an official cataloger in place.

- There are some events coming up that we would like the Library Board to attend. Santa’s Workshop will be at Graham Public Library on December 8 from 10am – 2pm. We partner with Home Depot. They build very cool things. Santa is there. He reads a story. This is a family event.
- Friday, December 7, Mebane will have their Christmas Parade. ACPL will be in the parade this year. The mobile café will be driving in the parade. Leo will also be there.
- Friday, December 14, Downtown Burlington will have Dickens Christmas – Holiday Magic.
- Jason said he wants to have a conversation around this next item. Each board member gets to have a voice in this one. Board meetings are quarterly. Typically, it is the 2nd Tuesday. Dates have been chosen. However, Jason said the dates and times are up for discussion. He said he wanted to make sure the dates and times were more conducive to the Board’s schedules. After some discussion, it was decided to have the Board meet on March 12 at 12:30pm, June 11 at 6:30pm, September 10 at 12:30pm and December 3 at 6:30pm.
- Winter Reading for Adults will run from December 15 through January 30. These are book bundles where all books have a common theme.
- February 1 through Valentine’s Day we do Blind Date with a Book. Teens and Children will participate this year. It will be the first time they have participated in this reading program. It will be called, “BFF with a Book,” for children. It will be a mix between best friends and dating for the teens. No title yet for their program. Jason invited the Board to help wrap the books and submit their own slips for books they want to recommend.
- Jason introduced what Administration would like to see from the Library Board. He said it is a great opportunity to re-invent this group. The Board is technically an advisory board. He said he wants them to advise so their voices can be heard. Jason challenged each of them to figure out how they want to do that – whether it be a project done as a board, speaking to the County Commissioners during the budget meetings, or whatever else they can think of. Jason said he believes the only way we were able to acquire the mobile café driver and the book mobile driver positions was because people advocated for the Library. He said no matter who the new director will be, they will need the input of the board. The Library Board knows their communities and what those communities need. There was discussion on what the Board could do to help the libraries. Jason charged the Library Board to find 10 people over the next week and ask them when the last time was they used the library. He also asked if they would sign up to go and speak at one of the upcoming public budget meetings or an upcoming County Commissioners’ meetings. Courtney said she will send a sign-up sheet to everyone electronically. A week or 2 before each meeting, Terri will send out an email that asks what each board member wants to talk about at the upcoming meeting. These will be agenda items. Jason said he knew he was putting a lot on them, as board members. Because no one has ever done that. Courtney thanked him for that. Jason said their voices need to be heard.
- Dodie asked how much the County cut the print media by. Susana said it was \$55,000. The total was originally \$146,000. It was cut by a third. She said to put it in perspective, the book budget for Graham’s children’s department is the entire budget for Graham this year.
- Jason said he has one last piece of information to share. He has not even told the staff yet. His last day will be November 28. He has accepted a job as Administrative Librarian with the Tampa/Hillsborough County Library in Tampa Bay. His first day is December 10.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

March 12 at 12:30pm

June 11 at 6:30pm

September 10 at 12:30pm

December 3 at 6:30pm

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm**