



CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of August 9, 2016 Meeting

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 12 Noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Edwards, Pat Gibson, Brenda Sigmon, Carol Preston, Susan Hunsucker, Nicky Setzer; and Suzanne White, Library Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Brenda Sigmon, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Carol Preston and Susan Hunsucker were nominated to continue in their positions of Chair and Vice-Chair respectively and were approved unanimously by the board.

ADOPTION OF REVISED ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners has revised the Library Section of the County's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Library and Library Advisory Board. Having reviewed proposed revised bylaws drafted in alignment with the Code of Ordinances revision, the Library Advisory Board approved the bylaws as written, and attached.

BOARD MEMBER SHARE--ADVOACY AND INPUT

Board members reported on advocacy efforts and shared input for enhanced library services in alignment with strategic plan.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Suzanne White thanked the board for their input and continued advocacy for the library.

Staffing Update:

- The Library management team is reviewing applications for the Branch Services Manager position to be located at Sherrills Ford-Terrell
- New hires at the library include: Jenny Gerami-Markham, Conover-Claremont Librarian; Tyler Garrison, Business Manager; Erin Shull, Part Time Library Assistant St. Stephens

Grants Update:

- Born to Read: Early Literacy Initiative connecting families with newborns with a library card, books, library and county early literacy resources, Unifour Foundation grant of \$5,000
- Tech to Go--Home Free: Expanding Internet Access and digital technologies and services to underserved in the county, LSTA grant of \$47,233
- Bite Size Training: staff training centers and training modules for staff on the go, LSTA Edge Grant of \$4,280
- Staff Development Grant for Conference Scholarship, Association for Rural and Small Libraries : Shelley Orr
- Scholarship to SPELL (Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries) Symposium, April Green – professional development, networking, and learning around enhancing resources and support for low-income parents with young children.

Projects/News/Events:

- NACo Award: the library was awarded a NACo (National Association of Counties) award for our innovative Tech Connect: The Tools You Need to Succeed digital learning/makerspace project connecting citizens with empowering technology and career resources and services
- The library will participate in the Charlotte Mini Maker Faire in October at the Discovery Place--a celebration of creative making, with exhibitors, vendors, workshop teachers, speakers and performers from across the region. Digital Services Librarian Shelley Orr will be presenting
- Friends of the Library: Annual Booksale is running this August 11-13; Coffee Corner implementation is in the works
- Staff Development: Program for all staff is scheduled for Monday, October 10; all libraries will be closed so that staff can learn and work together to enhance library services for the community.

Library Annual Report: The library is working on the State Aid application and Annual Report for the State Library of North Carolina.

Library Endowment Fundraising Campaign: Will begin in November-December 2016, with library board members and Friends asked to contribute, garner support, and assist in gaining community contributions

Board Training: The State Library will offer updated library advisory board training, and the group agreed that the next regular meeting would be the preferred time for the training.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 12 noon at the Newton Library

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Garrison