



## September 2021 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Melody Puffenbarger  
Betsy Curry  
Carol Turrentine  
Alex Davis  
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Director

ABSENT: Doan Stegura  
James Stewart  
K. Wayne Glass, Foundation Liaison  
Steve Morelli, Board of Supervisors  
Debbie Sweeney, Assistant Director

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Library Board held at the Augusta County Library Main Branch Fishersville, Virginia on September 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth. . . .

### **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was held in person, with Betsy Curry joining via Zoom, as approved by the board.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by vice-chair, Carol Turrentine.

### **Delegations**

None

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted. Betsy Curry submitted a motion to accept, Alex Davis seconded. All approved.

### **Friends of the Library**

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The Friends met as a group in September. A leadership gap continues. Lynn Mitchell, former board member, may be interested in stepping into the role of Friends president. National Friends of the Library Day in October, may be an opportunity for a membership drive, which is used as fundraising.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **State of the Library**

Usage statistics are increasing, with the exception of Churchville. Computer use has also been up since the beginning of the fiscal year. The library made the decision to mandate masks due to the COVID surge and high positivity rate in Augusta County, paired with the number of people entering the building on a regular basis. For the most part patrons have been complying.

Continue to offer outdoor programming, grab-and-go services, and computer use. Outdoor Harvest Fest at Churchville Branch and Main Branch was successful. Hours at all locations were extended as of September 1st to provide more accessible hours to the community.

Director met with Human Resources to discuss job descriptions and update the pay scale.

### **Correspondence**

The library received a formal complaint from a patron regarding the mask mandate. The main complaint was that either all county offices should require masking or none of them. The director responded to the complaint, and the patron contacted County Administrator, Time Fitzgerald, who also responded to the patron.

Copies of correspondence were included in the packet.



### **Old Business**

The director went over the board's self-evaluation. Asked all members to complete before the next meeting. The director will send out a deadline and reminder via email.

### **New Business**

Computer Use policy approved as written.

Outreach policy approved as written.

### **Adjournment**

With thanks expressed to Dr. Brown and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on November 18, 2021, at the Augusta County Library at 4:00 p.m.

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Director