

July 2023 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Doran Stegura
Melody Reynolds
Carol Turrentine
Alex Davis
Betsy Curry
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Director
Debbie Sweeney, Assistant Director

ABSENT: James Stewart
Kathleen Cavender, Foundation Liaison

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Library Board held at the Churchville Branch Library Churchville, Virginia on July 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth. . . .

Call to Order

The board meeting was held in person.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by chair, Doran Stegura.

Minutes

The minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

Friends of the Library Foundation

Ms. Stegura reported on the status of the Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation. With the merger complete they have created several subcommittees including ones to update their webpage, their membership paperwork, and to create an honor memorial. A new logo was created and will be featured on the webpage, stationery, etc. There will be a simple webpage connected to the library's website and also a redesigned, extensive standalone website that merges both the Friends and Foundation components.

Their president, Kathleen Cavender, is very proactive and doing a wonderful job. She is actively managing the Friends' money and the Community Foundation continues to manage the Foundation's funds.

Director's Report

The county Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the library board's updated bylaws.

At the BOS staff meeting on July 24, 2023, Pastures Supervisor Pam Carter expressed her appreciation of the library lawn party held on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Churchville. Over 400 people attended with nice involvement from community partners. The food trucks were a big draw and staff and patrons from Churchville, Fishersville, Weyers Cave, Deerfield, Middlebrook and Craigsville attended.

This summer's Books on Wheels served 40 students from four schools. 1600 books were delivered over the summer through this program. In Craigsville the No Kid Hungry program provided 25 meals per week for seven weeks for a total of 175 meals served for the community. Craigsville library was approved for four more staff hours per week thanks to infrastructure funds from Ms. Carter. The additional hours will start September 1, 2023. We are actively seeking a second staff member to share the hours at Craigsville.

The new part-time aide for Stuarts Draft was hired and will work 20 hours per week starting August 1, 2023. Dr. Jennifer Brown is working to schedule a meeting of the Stuarts Draft focus group.

Deerfield and Middlebrook library stations each have improved internet service as of July 1, 2023. Both have broadband services for the first time.

In August library staff will meet with county maintenance staff to clarify building maintenance roles moving forward. Part of the structural repairs in the Young Adult room is complete. The rest of the repairs are scheduled for August 3 and 4.

Due to the busyness of the summer programs no new community engagement connections are being sought. Efforts to make new connections will resume in the fall.

The library was awarded PLA's Digital Literacy Workshop Training Incentive Grant for \$6,000. We plan to partner with Valley Program for Aging Services and to hold workshops at Fishersville and other locations to help senior citizens learn how to use

digital devices. The funds will be used to purchase devices that will be raffled off and to pay staff for the extra hours they spend presenting the workshops.

Old Business

Joint Board Meeting

The combined Augusta, Staunton, and Waynesboro board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at Fishersville. Time to be announced. Lisa Varga from the Library of Virginia will come and talk about book challenges. Light refreshments will be served and invitations will be sent out soon. This will replace the regular meeting scheduled for September 27, 2023.

Strategic Priorities and Action Plan

Approved as submitted. Bulleted action items are internal, operational items that reflect what staff are working on and change year to year. The boxes are static items from which action items are created.

New Business

Smoking Policy

Approved as submitted.

Community Bulletin Board Policy

Approved as amended.

Adjournment

With thanks expressed to Dr. Brown and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. The special joint board meeting will be held on September 20, 2023, at the Fishersville Library at a time to be determined.

Secretary

Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation

PLA Digital Literacy Grant - \$6,000

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