

January 2024 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Doran Stegura
Melody Reynolds
Carol Turrentine
Alex Davis
Betsy Curry
Kathleen Cavender, Foundation Liason
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Director

ABSENT: James Stewart

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Augusta County Library Board held at the Churchville Branch Library Churchville, Virginia on January 25, 2024, 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 6:00 pm by chair, Doran Stegura.

Minutes

The minutes from the July 27, 2023 meeting were discussed. Betsy Curry wanted to ensure Mt. Solon was represented in the list of localities of participants who were at the Summer Lawn party. A motion was made by Carol Turrentine to approve the minutes with the above-mentioned comment included in the January 2024 meeting minutes. Alex Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation

Kathleen Cavender presented updates related to the Friends of the Augusta County Library Foundation, including the following projects that are in progress:

- Website Updates

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- Playground Project: The Ballfield is interested in working on the project as a shared space with a pavilion and playground that is accessible. The next steps include getting the county on board with the project. This will be the first Foundation project.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2024.

Director's Report

The following updates were given:

- Update on the moisture and pest issues with the crawlspace at the Fishersville location. Orkin came back out to check on the status of the moisture issue, which continues to be an issue. Additional foundation companies have been contacted to provide their opinion and recommendations.
- We met with the county maintenance department to delineate roles and responsibilities
- Moving forward with preventative maintenance contracts for the HVAC units at Fishersville Main
- Three out of eight of the HVAC units were shut off due to bad heat exchanges that mostly affected staff areas. \$7,000 fix that was covered through the capital depreciation fund
- Cleaning out the basement for better space and organizational use
- Cricut will be made available to the public at Fishersville Main
- Churchville Branch Manager vacant.
- Co-manager hired for Craigsville for redundancy
- Craigsville has been receiving additional materials delivery once per week
- Pam Carter gave 4 additional hours for Craigsville, and it has been going well
- Digitized photos at Craigsville as a pilot for future projects and local history repository
- Deerfield usage has continuously dropped. We are looking at different service models out there, getting input from the community to have conversations about what they need in the community.
- The Deerfield collection will be significantly decreased and will be focusing on collection development that resonates with the community.
- Middlebrook, circulation and program use continue to increase. They are receiving an additional delivery of materials, which is increasing circulation and holds fulfillment. Communication with a community member who is interested in seeing increased hours for the Middlebrook location.
- Carolyn Bragg in Stuarts Draft funded a part-time library aid position. It has an impact on the amount of programming that we are making available and has

allowed them to promote services more widely. We should have a better idea of what the overall impact has been thus far in the spring.

- Stuarts Draft - we are looking at how to use the space there more efficiently. They need a bigger collection. A consultant stopped by from Library Furniture International to provide options for flexible spaces.
- Carolyn Bragg funded a memory lab for Stuarts Draft. We have piloted it and had an intern to help build the procedures for that and we hope to make that available to the public soon.
- Weyers Cave has also been busy. Foot traffic and circulation have increased. One of the comanagers there resigned due to health concerns. We are moving forward with a new hire soon. In the future, we can see expanding hours, collection, and additional support in the future.
- Debbie retired in October. We are looking to split the Assistant Director position into two locations, as a Public Service Manager. This will create additional support and coverage for the smaller locations. We are looking at having them housed at different locations other than Fishersville since they will be managing multiple locations
- Documenting internal processes for knowledge management
- Evaluating our current organizational structure
- Looking for ways to handle courier internally for FY25
- Future vacancies for Board of Trustees positions. Have been asking staff for recommendations so we can hopefully have some sustainability and overlap.
- Current and future budget meetings
- Presentation to Board of Supervisors in February. We will be changing the strategy for the presentation to bring awareness to what it takes to run a library, staffing challenges, building challenges, cost of materials, etc. Focusing on the needs of the libraries.
- The Board of Supervisors approved funding for HR to contract out for a compensation study. This seems to be a regional trend.
- State of book challenges in the region.
- Discussion around health and morale.
- Discussion around Augusta Correctional Facility and the challenges/opportunities to support the Craigsville community
- Discussion around FACLF Bookstore complaints. If somebody has a problem with the material, it would function much like a retail store.

Old Business

No old business to discuss

New Business

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Proposed FY25 Budget

Dr. Brown walked the Board of Trustees through the budget documents and went into detail regarding the various positions that are being asked for and what each line item means, different revenue streams, etc.

Carol asked questions related to competition for budget funding. Doran asked questions regarding pushback on the budget and what is being proposed. Dr. Brown explained past budget processes and gave examples of instances where requests were not approved.

Betsy asked questions related to the new assessment and where the County is with that process. Dr. Brown indicated that she didn't know if the assessment would impact the FY25 budget.

Kathleen asked if there was anything the library needed in terms of advocacy. Dr. Brown mentioned talking with the Board of Supervisors about priorities. Last fiscal year, this strategy helped fund the Stuarts Draft position and the extra hours for Craigsville. Once the budget is released to the public, ACL will know where they stand as a department. The budget will be open for public comment, which is a time when advocacy will be helpful.

Doran moved to approve the budget as presented. Carol seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Confidentiality of Library Records Policy

Carol moved to approve the policy as presented. Alex seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Website Policy

Alex moved to approve the policy as presented. Melody seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Reference Policy (Withdraw)

Carol moved to withdraw the reference policy. Melody seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Revisiting Reconsideration Policy and Request for Reconsideration Form



Carol requested that we review and discuss the Reconsideration Policy and Request for Reconsideration Form as book challenges continue to move down the Valley. Discussion around current lessons learned and best practices since the policy was last reviewed.

The policy has been tabled until the March 2024 meeting.

Adjournment

With thanks expressed to Dr. Brown and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM. The next board of trustees meeting will be held on March 28, 2024, at the Fishersville Library at 6:00 PM.

Secretary

March 2024 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Doran Stegura
Carol Turrentine
Kathleen Cavender, Foundation Liason (ex officio)
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Director

ABSENT: James Stewart
Beverley Manor (Vacant)
Middle River (Vacant)
Alex Davis
Betsy Curry

A quorum was not present at the March 2024 Meeting. Those in attendance discussed proposed policies.

No business was conducted

Secretary