

Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees

Monthly meeting – April 25, 2016

Harper Library Southport, N. C.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Sheila Umbricht at 4:05 p.m.

Trustees attendance: Karen Bowman excused. Marylin Searby absent.

Attending were: Ron Benton, Sheila Umbricht, Randy Sullivan, Nadine Stanley, Gibby Wilson, Lena Butler, and Emma Myles. Also in attendance Maurice Tate, BC Library Director.

The corrected minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were unanimously accepted after a motion by Ron Benton and a second by Lena Butler. Correction March 28 not April 28.

Library Director's Report: MS. Tate reported that the Branch Manager at Barbee has retired, but was using accrued leave and funds for a new hire will not be available until summer. A branch manager has been accepted in a program for her MS in Library Science and 25% of all the libraries' staff have taken free webinars offered by the State Library. Hickmans had 61 adult programs including movies, painting, yoga, meet the author, a singer and tax help with 1490 in attendance in April. At the pre-Oscar movie showing a donation of cans of food was requested. Over 700 lbs. were collected. Look for Hickmans' series about NC dialects in the summer. Details are online.

The funds and plans for the new meeting room at Hickmans have been approved.

Old Business: Ron Benton reported that he has been in touch again with DOT regarding library signs. Ron reported that the signs would cost between \$125 and \$150 from Demco.com but permission to have signs placed would still need to come from DOT. Perhaps, the Friends groups could take on this project.

Ms. Stanley reported that she and Ms. Umbricht had attended the last lecture in New Hanover grant series. She discussed the highlights and a hand out from the Digital Public Library of America (web address dp.la).

New Business: MS. Tate reported that when all BC departments presented their initial budgets they were \$9 Million over anticipated revenue. MS. Tate submitted a revised budget similar to last year's. Approval of the budget will be announced on the second Monday in June.

Ron Benton was concerned about the parking at the Leland library because the new senior services building adjoins the library parking lot. Will we need more spaces for library patrons? Will we need designated "library parking" signs?

2016 meeting schedule: May 23 at Barbee; June 27 and July 25 at Bolivia; September 26 at Hickman's, October 24 at Rourk -- - No August, November or December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Umbricht

