

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2022

The Brunswick County Library Board met, in person, on March 1, 2022 in the Rourk Library meeting room. Chair Jeff Mount called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

Members present:

Sheila Umbricht Emma Myles Sheila Schreyer

Jeff Mount Gibby Wilson

Also present: Patricia Dew, Library Director Diana Fotinatos, Carol Brolley and Gail Sawchuk, FOLSOI, Karen Robbins, Rourk FOL and Michelle Berger, SWBB FOL

Members absent: Donna Morgan Mary Stilwell Brett Riggs Ron Benton

Minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion (Wilson) and second (Schreyer). Also the October election (phone/email) results were unanimously approved after a motion (Schreyer) and second (Myles).

Chair Mount introduced Patricia Dew, the new County Library Director. The Board and guests introduced themselves. Director Dew outlined her goals for Brunswick libraries:

1. Bring the libraries into the 21st Century with technology
2. Have a social media presence to promote the Library
3. Bring Libby (OverDrive) e-books to Brunswick County library patrons
4. Increase Library staff
5. Expand upkeep and refurbishing of buildings
6. Review library policies with the Board's input and approval
7. Discuss book challenges

She also reported that the 2022-23 budget is due March 4 and she had already presented her goals to the Commissioners. Her office is in Leland library, phone 910-253-2244 and email patricia.dew@brunswickcountync.gov

She stated that the Friends are vital to the county libraries. However, they should not be providing books only extras e.g. mini grant to fund an activity or program and publicity to promote the FOL and the libraries. FOL should continue to do what they are presently doing until July 1st but consider her recommendations for their next year budgets.

OLD BUSINESS -NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Mount presented 10 committees which he would like the Library Board to work on beginning with our next meeting. Director Dew pointed out that BC Board is an advisory rather than a regulatory Board. Therefore, she will advise the Board which committee items are beyond our scope.

Chair Mount highlighted the following committees: Bookmobile, By-laws, BC literary summit, and BC Library Board Handbook. He asked that each trustee consider what committee he/she wants to work on and report to him before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Umbricht for Donna Morgan, Secretary

Future 2022 Meetings

April 25 Southwest

July 25 Leland

October 24 Barbee